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Tax time? It's Toronto the Tardy

REPUTATION It's income tax time. Guess who has the worst reputation for procrastination?

That's right: Toronto. Canada's biggest city had the most returns filed electronically through the QuickTax Online service on April 29-30, 2009, according to Intuit Canada.

Intuit, which sells numerous tax-preparation products, says Toronto was also Canada's tardiest tax filing city in 2008 and 2007.

Runner up: Calgary (in both 2009 and 2008).

Also-rans include Vancouver (No. 3), Edmonton (No. 4), Ottawa (No. 5), Mississauga (No. 6), Winnipeg (No. 7), Victoria (No. 8), Montreal (No. 9) and Surrey, B.C. (No. 10).

The usual deadline for Canadians to file their income tax returns is April 30, which is tomorrow.

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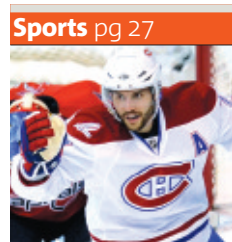
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Toronto Soccer's Holy Grail



Singer K'naan takes a close look at the FIFA World Cup Trophy yesterday after it arrived in Toronto. Depending on who you believe, it's the first time the trophy has been in Canada as it tours the world ahead of this summer's World Cup. **More coverage, page 32.**

Cosy relationship

Despite what he says, Jaffer had close ties with feds

While the Conservative government treats Rahim Jaffer publicly as a pariah, messages and calls between senior officials and the former MP over the past year show he was handled inside as a friend and even a "priority."

More than 60 pages of government documents obtained by The Canadian Press yesterday paint a picture of a busy, cheerful businessman reaching out to people he knew within government.

In some cases he used an email address assigned to the office of his wife — He-

The Lobbying Act

Rahim Jaffer and business partner Patrick Glemaud have maintained they never lobbied any government official, but were simply seeking information about various renewable energy projects. The Lobbying Act exempts simple queries about programs and their terms and conditions. That critical distinction came up during

lena Guergis, the former minister of state for the status of women — to contact officials ranging from assistant deputy ministers to

the committee testimony from a business associate of Jaffer's, Nazim Gillani. Gillani is a key figure in the wide range of allegations against Jaffer and Guergis. In some cases, Gillani tried to clear the air around Jaffer and Guergis, but in others he contradicted testimony Jaffer provided to the committee last week.

senior staff in ministerial offices.

Last week, he told a Commons committee he only ever used the BlackBerry as-

sociated with the address to keep track of her schedule.

At least six ministerial offices were contacted by Jaffer over the past year, and that includes previously unknown communications with Public Works and the office of Diane Ablonczy, minister of state for seniors. The documents were tabled with the Commons government operations committee, and with the lobbying commissioner and some with the ethics commissioner.

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Chavez lets loose on Twitter

NETWORKING Hugo Chavez is starting to use Twitter to counter his opponents online, forcing a president who often talks for hours to sum up each thought in 140 characters or less.

Chavez urged Venezuelans to watch his newly created account — chavez-candanga

— after midnight Tuesday, saying "that point is when I let loose."

His first tweet in Spanish popped up at 14 minutes after midnight: "Hey how's it going? I appeared like I said I would: At midnight. I'm off to Brazil. And very happy to work for Venezuela. We will be victorious!"

The socialist leader had more than 18,000 followers even before posting a single tweet, and that increased to more than 46,000 by midday yesterday.

Chavez, who has recently seen his popularity slip amid a recession and soaring inflation, has often been outmanoeuvred by opponents who are more active on the web than his supporters.

A close aide to Chavez, Public Works Minister Diosdado Cabello, said Monday that Chavez's supporters plan to "take over by assault" social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"The opposition thinks it owns the social networking sites. They think Twitter and Facebook belong to them," Cabello was quoted as saying.

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Ballet star engaged

Canadian ballet superstar Rex Harrington, far left, is getting married. The National Ballet of Canada says Harrington and his partner Robert Hope, left, plan to wed in the summer of 2011. The couple have been together for six years and got engaged in France in March. Harrington is currently the national ballet's artist-in-residence.

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One curriculum for all: McGuinty

Premier insists Catholic and public schools will teach same sex-ed lessons

Ontario's Catholic schools will have to teach sex education like any other public school, despite reports that bureaucrats were willing to let Catholics develop their own watered-down version of the controversial curriculum, Premier Dalton McGuinty insisted yesterday.

"I don't distinguish between two school systems when it comes to our curriculum," he said, almost a week after shelving the explosive sex-ed program that included lessons on masturbation and anal sex.

"God love them, but we have a single curriculum when it comes to mathe-

matics, when it comes to history, when it comes to world studies and when it comes to sexual education, and we'll find a way so that it suits all our children."

But some Catholic groups tell a different story. They say officials were drafting their own version of the curriculum — with the full

knowledge of the Education Ministry — that would have deviated significantly from the one the province developed.

For example, homosexuality wouldn't be taught in separate schools until Grades 7 and 8, instead of Grade 3.

Outrage over the contro-

versial sex ed lessons grew so loud that McGuinty abruptly dropped the program last Thursday, even as his ministers were still defending it in the legislature.

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TTC panel meets face-to-face with riders

TRANSIT Dirty washrooms, drivers who take breaks while riders cool their heels, bunching on bus routes and drivers who fail to open the door at some stops — the complaints about TTC service weren't new.

But yesterday was the first time the TTC's customer service advisory panel heard them face-to-face with riders.

Seven panelists, including hotelier Steve O'Brien, who chairs the volunteer committee, went to the Bloor subway station to solicit comments and ideas from riders who haven't forgotten the token hoarding and pictures of a sleeping subway collector that battered the TTC's reputation in recent months.

After more than two months of learning about TTC operations, O'Brien said it's clear that communication is the biggest issue in improving the transit experience.

"Some of the systems the TTC has to communicate with are somewhat antiquated, and I know the TTC



TTC service person Paul DaSilva scrapes gum off the platform in the Yonge-Bloor Station as TTC customer service panelists talk to TTC riders and the media in the Yonge-Bloor Station during the first of a series of meetings to inform riders of recommendations for better customer service on transit.

is working on upgrading systems. But it's communication all the way around, and if you want to change the culture you've got to improve the communication," he told reporters.

Many lunch-hour riders rushing to catch trains grabbed cards or chatted briefly with the panelists, who are expected to report in June.

Some riders had con-

structive ideas. One suggested the TTC put signs on buses when they're too full to carry more passengers, so those who are bypassed understand.

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Dispute has beach monopoly in limbo

RESTAURANT Three years ago city council went against staff advice and voted to renew, without competitive bids, a company's 20-year monopoly on selling burgers and ice cream to visitors to the Beach boardwalk.

But the deal was never signed because Tuggs Inc. asked to have the \$250,000 annual lease knocked down by \$50,000, prompting a councillor who voted for the deal back in 2007 to say yesterday that it's time to put the lucrative contract up for tender.

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News in brief

THE CAT CAME BACK A cat on the loose in Toronto's airport has been found safe after spending a couple of days wandering around a terminal. For two days, a two-year-old cat belonging to a university student prompted Pearson International Airport after escaping from a carrier on Monday. WestJet says the cat, named Ludwig, is now safe. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Toronto police investigators have determined that the information they were given about an attempted child abduction north of Toronto is "unfounded." Police released information about the alleged attempted abduction of a nine-year-old girl from a driveway in the Yonge Boulevard and Wilson Avenue area Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

'Beat the tax': Wilkinson

Book soon and "beat the tax."

That's the advice of Revenue Minister John Wilkinson to anyone making recreational plans for the summer. "Flights within Canada, services like gym memberships, landscaping and ... theatre tickets" will be cheaper if purchased Thursday or Friday, Wilkinson told the Toronto Star.

With the transition toward the harmonized sales tax starting Saturday, Ontarians should brace for levies on numerous goods and services to rise from either five per cent or eight per cent to 13 per

cent.

But Wilkinson said yesterday that consumers — most of whom are receiving "transition" cheques of up to \$1,000 per family starting in June — could get a tax break on many things by shopping early.

"Some businesses are having 'beat the tax sales,' the rules are very clear," the minister said, referring to the transition regimen announced last Oct. 15 to relatively little fanfare.

Because of the lack of media coverage on the phase-in, many Ontarians are likely unaware that as of Saturday, they will begin being charged the full 13



Revenue Minister John Wilkinson

per cent HST on anything to be used after July 1.

That means, for example, that a flight from

Costs will rise

- Among the services expected to spike in price: Electricity, gasoline, diesel, and home heating fuels, dry cleaning, Internet fees, taxi fares, home renovations, service calls by electricians, plumbers, and carpenters, esthetician services, golf green and hockey rink fees, and funeral services

Toronto to Vancouver booked within the next two days for travel anytime after Canada Day would be taxed at a lower rate than one bought this weekend.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Late release of rules delays proceedings in Khadr case

GUANTANAMO The first war-crimes proceedings under U.S. President Barack Obama against Canada's Omar Khadr were delayed for several hours yesterday as lawyers scrambled to read up on a new 281-page rule book.

The delay occurred as one of Khadr's Canadian lawyers said the defence team had rejected a plea-bargain offer by prosecutors for a military commission that wants its "pound of flesh."

"We're not interested in any plea bargain that doesn't deal with the opportunity for Omar getting out of that hell-hole of Guantanamo Bay and coming home," Dennis Edney said.

The military-commission manual, which implements new laws enacted by the Obama administration last year, was only made available to counsel at Guantanamo Bay Tuesday evening.

Denny LeBoeuf, a prominent lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union, called the situation unprecedented, and said it only raised further questions about the fairness of the process.

Normally, she said, such rules would be made pub-

Evidence rules

- Among other things, the new rules lay out under what circumstances coerced statements can be admitted as evidence.
- The manual is important to Omar Khadr's defence team, given that the pre-trial proceedings this week centre on whether self-incriminating statements will be admissible at his trial.

lic months in advance of their effective date to allow them to be studied properly.

"There is no set of circumstances like this," LeBoeuf said from New Orleans. "This would literally never happen, not in the most benighted backwoods court you can imagine. It would simply never happen."

The Toronto-born Khadr, 23, is charged with murder for allegedly throwing a hand grenade that killed an American special forces soldier in Afghanistan in July 2002. Khadr was 15 at the time. He has been held at the American naval base prison in Cuba since the fall of 2002 — the only westerner still held there.

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Only slight drop in dog bites since pit bull ban: THS

DOGS The Toronto Humane Society says there has been little change in the number of dog bites in Ontario since a pit bull law took effect in 2005.

The law requires leashes and muzzles on pit bulls in public and neutering and spaying of existing pit bulls. Then-attorney general Michael Bryant also said the legislation would make streets safer, but the Humane Society says it has failed to do so.

It says there were 5,428 reported dog bites in a sampling of 17 Ontario municipalities in 2005 when the law took effect.

Since then, that number has only changed slightly, with 5,345 recorded bites last year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Weston Road Building a new Habitat



Anita Dong and Kim Warren of McDonnell Haynes, along with some of their clients, pick up hammers and nails yesterday to help build a Habitat for Humanity home on Weston Road near Eglington and Jane.

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News in brief

PET CPR Pet owners will be able to breathe easier after Toronto Fire Services receives a donation of animal oxygen masks today. Fire chief vans in all 16 districts will be equipped with a \$100 set of three masks,

in sizes big enough to fit a Great Dane and small enough to resuscitate a parrot. About 20 Toronto pets suffer from fire-related smoke inhalation every year.

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The Greater Toronto Airports Authority has signed a \$130-million, five-year deal with IBM to improve services. Airlines and other airport tenants will receive IT services directly from IBM to support kiosks, passenger and bag check-in counters, as well as aircraft gates. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

British MP falsely labelled terrorist: Lawyer

Canadian ban called 'taunting'

The decision to ban a controversial British MP from Canada was an "exercise in taunting" by senior government officials who disagreed with George Galloway's views on Afghanistan, lawyers argued during a judicial review yesterday.

Lawyer Barbara Jackman said the Canadian government falsely and unfairly labelled Galloway a terrorist because it didn't like his views. All Galloway did was give humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza, Jackman said, a move that some claimed meant he supported Hamas, deemed a terrorist organization.

"It's clear Canadian aid was going into Gaza, so it's all right for our government to do it but not for Mr. Galloway?" she asked. "If in fact Mr. Galloway is a terrorist because he provided humanitarian aid to the gov-

"It's clear Canadian aid was going into Gaza, so it's all right for our government to do it but not for Mr. Galloway?"

Lawyer

Barbara Jackman
ernment of Gaza, then our prime minister is as well."

Immigration officials refused Galloway entry into the country for a 2009 speaking tour, saying he had given financial support to Hamas. The Canada Border Services Agency cited his involvement in an aid convoy that delivered clothing, medical items, relief money and vehicles to the elected Hamas government, as well as his donation of three cars and \$44,000 to Prime Minister Ismail Haniya. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Shoppers Drug Mart lowered its growth expectations for prescription sales this year to between two and three per cent from earlier predictions of four and five per cent.

Reforms could cut prescription sales across country, pharmacy chain claims

OUTLOOK Shoppers Drug Mart slashed its outlook for growth in its prescription sales as it braces against new rules in Ontario the pharmacy chain says could impact its bottom line at stores outside of the province.

Canada's largest drug-store chain saw a six per cent boost in prescription sales in its first-quarter results reported yesterday,

helping boost overall revenue and profits compared to a year ago.

But it expects growth in prescription sales in the coming quarters to slow if Ontario passes a bill that aims to reduce the price of generic drugs through the elimination of professional allowances.

The provincial government says the payments inflate drug costs for con-

sumers, but pharmacists counter the fees help pay for an array of services they provide to customers.

Shoppers has fought hard against reforms in Ontario, where about half of its stores are located. The chain announced earlier this month a plan to cut jobs, store hours, extra services and new stores in the province.

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Showdown looms as paralegals try to expand turf

LAW Ontario paralegals are trying to expand their power to represent people in family law cases, including divorce.

But the Family Lawyers Association of Ontario is saying paralegals are inadequately trained and should not mess with lives in a complex court system that can permanently alter parent-child relationships.

The association is urging its members to pack the Law Society of Upper Canada's annual general meeting next Wednesday to defeat a motion brought forward by 11 paralegals.

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News in brief

ARRESTS Two people from the GTA have been arrested after a skimming machine was found attached to an ATM at a Calgary bank. Michael Joseph Stewart, 29, of Toronto, and Hamilton Hillary Savoury, 45, of Scarborough are charged with two counts of possession of fraudulent credit card data and two counts of possession of a device for forging or falsifying credit cards. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Wind projects going ahead

Premier rejects calls for delay while health effects studied

There's no evidence of negative health impacts from industrial wind turbines used to generate electricity, so there's no need for a moratorium on wind projects in Ontario, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

About 250 people from across the province rallied outside the legislature to ask the province to impose a moratorium on new projects until possible impacts on human health have been studied. They warned McGuinty that the Liberals will pay a political price for not listening.

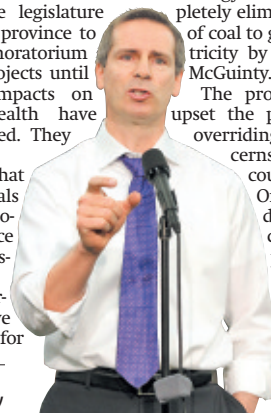
Wind turbines have been used for

decades to generate electricity without any serious health implications, so Ontario won't postpone or delay new projects, said McGuinty.

"It's not reasonable in the circumstances," he said.

The province must rely more on renewable forms of energy so it can completely eliminate the use of coal to generate electricity by 2014, added McGuinty.

The protesters were upset the province was overriding the concerns of local councils across Ontario after dozens of communities passed resolutions calling for a moratorium on the wind projects.



Dalton McGuinty

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Roots Golden deal for Olympic duo



Olympic gold-medal figure skater David Pelletier, left, and Roots co-founder Don Green, right, welcome gold-medal ice-dancing champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir to the Roots flagship store on Bloor Street yesterday. The gold-medal couple have signed a four-year deal to represent Roots. They are part of the Stars on Ice tour, which stops at the Air Canada Centre on Friday night.

YMCA holding walk in support of local children

YOUTH The YMCA of Greater Toronto will hold a YMCA Walk for Strong Kids in downtown Toronto today.

More than 135 children from three of the YMCA's licensed Child Care Centres in downtown Toronto are scheduled to meet at College and Dufferin at 10 a.m.

and walk with parents, staff, volunteers and community members to help kids in their community.

Their destination will be Dufferin Grove Park, where they will participate in outdoor activities at the end of the walk.

These 135 children will

join more than 6,800 youth who will be walking in communities across the GTA in support of the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, which raises funds so more kids and families can have access to life-enhancing YMCA programs and services.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Acquitted man sues police

LAWSUIT A man acquitted of murder in the asphyxiation of his lover, prominent gay bar owner Janko Naglic, has filed a \$10-million lawsuit against Toronto police, alleging they conducted a negligent investigation.

Ivan Mendez-Romero alleges that homicide investigators Wayne Banks and Peter Callaghan failed to adequately investigate Naglic's allegations of "extortion."

"The defendant police officers had information that Janko Naglic had complained that 52 Division plain-clothes officers were unfairly targeting him for liquor licence enforcement because he was not paying them off, yet they failed to investigate this information," says Mendez-Romero's statement of claim, which was recently served on the last of three defendants. The allegations have not been proven in court.

Mendez-Romero also alleges homicide detectives did not investigate certain people a neighbour said she saw at the deceased's home.

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Two hurt in truck, van crash

York Regional Police say a logging truck hit a van in East Gwillimbury yesterday, injuring the van's driver, 22, who was airlifted to hospital with serious injuries. His 20-year-old passenger, believed to be five months pregnant, was taken away by ambulance. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Town-gown solution?

Oshawa unveils new strategy

Oshawa has approved a plan for student housing, aimed at resolving one of the most contentious issues the city has faced.

City council passed recommendations Tuesday

night that sets the stage for development along the Simcoe Street North corridor to provide affordable rental units for students of nearby Durham College, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and Trent University.

Meanwhile, new measures will help crack down on illegal lodging houses in single-family neighbourhoods, landlords who violate city bylaws and students who misbehave in rented houses.

Residents near the campus have complained that students living in their midst make life intolerable

with parties, noise, garbage and parking problems.

"The city is getting tougher," Jerry Conlin, director of municipal law enforcement and licensing services, told about 100 people attending Tuesday's meeting.

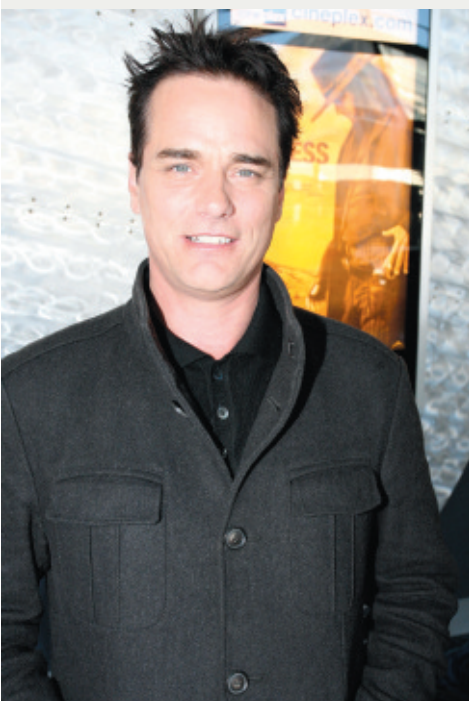
"The city is getting tougher."

Jerry Conlin, Oshawa municipal law enforcement

The new measures include fines of up to \$100,000 for violating zoning bylaws and provisions to beef up law enforcement. It also provides a "good housekeeping seal of approval" for accredited rental housing, to which students seeking accommodation will be directed.

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Gunless Downtown showdown



Paul Gross arrives at the Scotiabank Theatre in downtown Toronto last night for the Toronto premiere of his new movie Gunless. Gross stars as a gunslinger named The Montana Kid in the Canadian western comedy, which opens tomorrow.

Toronto woman sick of health card mix-up

IDENTITY Teresa Lawrence, a Toronto woman, has had her health card cancelled several times since October in an apparent case of mistaken identity.

Each time there was a mix-up she was assured the problem had been rectified. When she received an envelope in the mail last Friday, she hoped the foul-up was over.

But it wasn't. The number on the card was correct, but the name was wrong — "Theresa" with an 'h' — the signature wasn't hers, and the picture was definitely not her.

Lawrence is white with long hair. The woman in the photograph appears to be of Asian descent, with very short hair.

In a statement, ServiceOntario spokesperson Alain Cairns said that while his office can't discuss specific cases due to privacy concerns, "in this instance a human error has resulted in an inadvertent disclosure of information."

Lawrence, 45, first realized there was a problem



Teresa Lawrence shows the health card she received with her name misspelled and the photo of another woman.

with her card after getting a call from her doctor's office in October telling her it had been cancelled.

Lawrence said a ServiceOntario representative told there was a mix-up with another woman who had just moved to Ontario.

Lawrence said the representative told her that when the other woman arrived here they issued her Lawrence's health card number and cancelled Lawrence's.

The same appears to have happened in reverse at least three times when Lawrence tried to reactivate her own card.

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The province has charged the city of Guelph under the Occupational Health and Safety Act over the death of 14-year-old Isabel Warren, who was killed after a wall in a public washroom collapsed on her at a community park last June. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Quebec eyes our drug plan

An Ontario plan to limit prescription drug costs would trigger savings in Quebec, says Health Minister Yves Bolduc, left. Quebec would benefit, Bolduc says, because of its agreement with pharmaceutical companies to pay the lowest price in the country. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada flip-flops, probes boy's death

Canadian military police have launched a formal investigation into allegations that an Afghan teenager was wrongly shot and killed by soldiers in a raid three years ago.

A spokesperson for Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Walter Natynczyk confirmed a probe is underway, but did not elaborate. Maj. Cindy Tessier said there will be a "thorough and detailed" examination

of claims a 17-year-old Afghan boy was shot in the back of the head during a June 2007 raid in a village outside of Kandahar city.

It is a stunning reversal for Natynczyk, whose letter to a special House of Commons committee denied the allegations that were initially raised by a former military translator. Ahmadshah Malgarai, who served as a cultural adviser to the general in

charge of Task Force Kandahar in 2007, accused troops of planting a weapon beside the teen's body when they realized a mistake had been made.

Word of the investigation follows a Canadian Press report based on eyewitness accounts from the victim's two brothers, who allege their sibling was unarmed when he was gunned down.

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Harper flip-flops as well, says he'll 'comply' on data

TORTURE The Harper government appears to be ready to compromise on the release of uncensored documents related to Afghan detainees.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday the government is open to any "reasonable suggestion." "We are seeking ways to respect those two obligations and obviously we are open to reasonable suggestions," Harper told the House of Commons.

Harper said the government "looks forward to complying" with a historic ruling Tuesday by Speaker Peter Milliken.

Milliken ruled parliamentarians have unlimited power to demand the release of all uncensored documents related to allegations that Afghans tortured prisoners cap-



Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks in the House of Commons during Question Period yesterday.

"The government cannot break the law."

Stephen Harper

tured by Canadian soldiers.

Harper stressed the gov-

ernment has "legal obligations" to ensure no information is disclosed that would jeopardize national security or the lives of Canadian soldiers.

"The government cannot break the law, it cannot order public servants to break the law."

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Ottawa Even the horses stand at attention



RCMP Commissioner William Elliott inspects the RCMP Musical Ride at the RCMP stables in Ottawa yesterday. The Musical Ride has thrilled audiences at home and abroad. Riders — and horses — undergo months of training and display faultless control, timing and co-ordination.

Witness says soldier admitted firing shots

BATTLE "It's OK, it was me."

A key prosecution witness testified those words by Capt. Robert Semrau helped reassure him that two bursts of rifle fire came from Semrau's rifle.

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Cpl. Steven Fournier says he and an Afghan interpreter were walking away

from the wounded insurgent when he heard two quick bursts of gunfire.

He said he saw Semrau standing over the insurgent with the muzzle of his rifle only a metre from the man's chest.

Semrau, who served in the British military before joining the Canadian Forces, has pleaded not guilty to four charges.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toews' secret

AGENDA The federal government knows the cost of its law-and-order agenda. But it's not telling.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said yesterday: "I'd rather not share my idea on that."

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Teen dies after collapsing at football practice

Student Corey Walsh, 16, has died after collapsing while running laps during football practice at a high school in Rimbey, Alta. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Dr. Alan Drummond from the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians speaks in Ottawa about the terrible toll of guns and suicide.

Emergency doctors fight for gun registry

A group of emergency doctors, nurses and suicide prevention workers are calling on members of Parliament to vote against a bill that seeks to quash the long-gun registry.

The group says the significant drop in gun-related suicide proves the registry works and scrapping it would set them back years in suicide prevention.

"Suicide, contrary to public opinion, is often an impulsive gesture," Dr. Alan Drummond of the Canadian Association for Emergency Physicians said yesterday.

"Keeping guns away from depressed people is

"As a coroner I go to lots of gun-related suicides. I'm telling you it's difficult, it's gut-wrenching."

Dr. Alan Drummond

essential," he added.

Drummond has never seen a handgun injury in his 27 years as an emergency physician in rural Ontario, but he has seen more than a few injuries and deaths inflicted by rifles and shotguns — most of them suicides.

"As a coroner I go to lots of gun-related suicides. I'm telling you it's difficult, it's gut-wrenching."

The majority of firearm deaths are suicides and the guns most often used are rifles and shotguns — not handguns — the group writes in an open letter to MPs.

The group says gun-related suicide attempts are far more lethal than other methods.

Gun users stand a 96 per cent chance of dying, while the lethality rate of drug overdose is six per cent.

A number of public opinion polls have indicated most Canadians do not support the registry because they think it is inefficient and has not reduced crime.

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Cash-strapped Blackmore to miss B.C. polygamy hearing

COURT Admitted polygamist Winston Blackmore won't participate in a British Columbia court case testing Canada's law against polygamy, says his lawyer.

Blackmore, one of the leaders of the controversial community of Bountiful, B.C., can't afford to take part after a judge refused his request for hundreds of thousands of dollars in government money, Joseph Arvay said yesterday.

"Unless he wins the lottery or some other source of funds comes his way, he will not be participating," Arvay said.

Arvay added: "It's going to be a very expensive hearing, and Blackmore can't afford it."

Blackmore had asked the province's Supreme



Winston Blackmore was accused of having 19 wives.

"It's going to be a very expensive hearing."

Joseph Arvay, Blackmore's lawyer

Court for special status and funding to take part in the case — a broad examination of polygamy.

The application was denied.

Blackmore and James Oler, the leader of a separate faction within Bountiful, were charged early last year with practising polygamy.

A judge quashed the charges. Blackmore was accused of having 19 wives, and Oler three.

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Flexible approach to care

G8 agrees to principles on maternal, child health: Minister

Development ministers from some of the world's richest countries agreed yesterday on a set of principles to reduce maternal and child mortality in poor nations, but offered few details on how they would achieve the ambitious goal or how much it would cost.

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda wrapped up a two-day G8 gathering in Halifax, claiming the delegates made progress on what will be a Canadian priority at the G8 leaders meeting in Huntsville, Ont., in June.

Need for solutions

• It's estimated that there are 500,000 pregnancy-related deaths every year — due largely to bleeding — which could be stemmed by training skilled birthing attendants. And aid groups say there are simple ways to reduce the millions of child deaths linked to malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea.

Oda said it was critical that the plan be flexible enough to allow each member state to determine how they would contribute



Bev Oda

"We have agreed on a set of principles that will guide our work and a scope of actions that leave our ability, and the needed flexibility, for each country so that they can advise their leaders on how to build their basket of initiatives to support Canada's focus on mothers and chil-

dren," she told a news conference.

The need for flexibility might be a key element of the plan as Canada takes a different stand from many of its G8 partners on family planning. Canada has said it will not support funding for abortions in developing nations as part of the G8 family planning initiative.

Oda played down any rift with other G8 countries, particularly the United States and Britain, which both believe access to safe abortion should be part of a family planning program.

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Calgary Pro-lifers in violation?



The University of Calgary is proceeding with individual non-academic misconduct hearings, which include the possibility of expulsion, for eight members of the Campus Pro-Life student group over a pro-life display held earlier this month. Students Alanna Campbell, pictured, Ryan Wilson and Asia Strezynski were all charged with a "major violation."

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Inquiry head lauds chopper changes, seeks more progress

N.L. The head of an inquiry into helicopter safety off Newfoundland says recent improvements are a good start, but urgently needed changes will take time.

"Progress may not be as fast as some people might like — and perhaps I might like," said commissioner Robert Wells in an interview.

"But you know, in fairness, they are making progress."

Wells heard evidence over five months starting in October as part of the probe called after Cougar Flight 491 crashed in March 2009, killing 17 of 18 people aboard.

The inquiry's aim is to make helicopter travel as safe as possible for workers at offshore oil sites more than 300 kilometres southeast of St. John's.

Wells could not wait to act until his first report is

due in September.

He made a pre-emptive call in mid-February for faster, better emergency response. He said at the time that he knew changes couldn't be made "in a day or even a month."

The federal-provincial board that regulates offshore oil activity responded by ordering companies to cut emergency response times and fully equip a search and rescue helicopter on standby in St. John's whenever workers fly.

Transportation flights at night or in low visibility have been restricted to emergencies ever since.

In the meantime, oil companies that contract Cougar Helicopters to provide search and rescue service have added an extra chopper to cut "wheels-up" response time to 30 minutes from up to one hour.

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News in brief

B.C. The men who face charges after the 2003 RCMP raid on the B.C. legislature have officially pleaded not guilty to corruption and money laundering charges. Former

B.C. government aides Dave Basi and Bobby Virk are accused of selling government secrets related to the sale of Crown-owned B.C. Rail to CN Rail.

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Grisly discovery

Chatham-Kent police say a man renovating his deck in southern Ontario discovered bones beneath the boards. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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New Brunswick **Province gets crabby**

Emilie LeRocque, an employee at F.N. Fisheries Ltd., packs a box of crab legs at the processing plant yesterday in Shippagan, N.B. The province's fisheries minister says the federal government isn't listening to the plight of fishermen and fish plant workers in northern New Brunswick. Rick Doucet says despite cutting the crab quota in the Gulf of St. Lawrence by 63 per cent this year, Fisheries Minister Gail Shea has no plan to help the workers who have been affected.

G8 summit: Executive version of a first date

Chefs told to prep food so 'it's not hard to pick up'

Keeping butternut squash soup off the shirts and ties of world leaders is among the finer points organizers in Ontario's cottage county are focused on with less than two months to go to the G8 summit.

While Deerhurst Resort, the venue for the summit, is famous for its version of the soup — spiked with maple syrup that is made on site — it's been told it's a no-no.

"All the food has to be very simply presented so it's not hard to cut, it's not hard to pick up," said Anne White, the resort's director of public relations.

"So it's kind of like the very executive version of don't order messy spaghetti on a first date."

Town closed

Deerhurst, normally ramping up for the busy summer season, will be closed to the public from June 15 to 30, and in the days leading up to the summit will be converting every space for a G8 purpose.

G8 leaders, a group that includes U.S. President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, want to avoid showing up for photo-ops sporting a bright orange smear of soup spill, White explained.

Instead, the chef has been tinkering with turning that specialty into a butternut squash creme

brulee, White said.

With major, multimillion-dollar projects on or ahead of schedule for the June 25-26 meeting in Huntsville, the focus has turned to making sure every detail is perfect.

At Deerhurst preparations are in full swing to not only host the meetings, but also house and feed world leaders and the reams of support staff needed to ensure the weekend runs smoothly.

"There's a plan B, C and D for everything," said White.

"Because of security perimeters and limitations on what and how you can bring (items) in ... our kitchen is working with local farmers," she said.

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Government's buzz about birds, bees

Relating

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It can be awkward when your government sits you down for a sex talk. Brazil's Health Minister, Jose Temporao, is urging the citizenry to have more sex, citing evidence that it lowers blood pressure.

While I'm certain the av-

erage Brazilian is already having as much sex as he or she can without government encouragement, this seems a reasonably healthy state intervention in the national sex life.

It contrasts sharply with the anti-fun stance of Iranian officialdom, with cleric Hojatoleslam Kazem Sedighi commingling the geological and the theological to causally link women wearing revealing clothing and earthquakes.

The imam's goofy theory inspired Indiana blogger Jen McCreight to get on

Facebook and organize this past Monday's Boobquake, in which she encouraged women worldwide to show a bit of cleavage and see if they could get a seismic rise out of the Earth.

A Boobquake rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery was a study in attitudinal diversity as a few women decided to go over-the-topless while others complained that men were looking. The country is unlikely to achieve sexual consensus any time soon.

Homosexuality, abortion

and birth control were all once illegal here, and our current federal government still seems squeamish. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney personally deleted references to homosexuality and same-sex marriage from the new citizenship guide, and International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda has provoked an outcry in some quarters by excluding abortion from maternal health programs in developing countries.

It can swing the other way, too, as some citizens

find their government entirely too kinky. Witness the Ontario government's new sex education curriculum, hastily withdrawn for retooling last week after some church groups and parents complained the content was both too sexy and too educational.

Public libraries are constant sexual battlegrounds. The American Libraries Association has released its 2009 list of most complained about books, and the children's book *And Tango Makes Three*, based on the true story of a same-

sex penguin couple in New York's Central Park Zoo, was one of the most controversial for the fourth year running.

Pierre Trudeau's declaration that the state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation is often quoted, but the separation of libido and state is not so easily achieved. Before voting for a candidate, it might be wise to consider your sexual compatibility should he or she come out on top.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

The lighter side of feminism revealed

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People often say feminists lack any sense of humour. That isn't true and I offer up Boobquake and Ben Roethlisberger as examples.

It all started when Iranian cleric Hojatoleslam Kazem Sedighi reportedly warned, "Many women who do not dress modestly ... lead young men astray, corrupt their chastity and spread adultery in society, which

increases earthquakes."

Many scoffed. One blogger, Jen McCreight of blagahag.com, was determined to scientifically disprove his theory. Thus, Boobquake was born: Women would "embrace the supposed supernatural power of their breasts" and seek to make the Earth tremble by wearing the lowest-cut shirts they owned.

Monday has come and gone — and guess what? No out-of-the-norm earthquake activity. It's unfortunate that this tongue-in-cheek protest was reduced to a circus-like opportunity to ogle. Apparently, some Boobquake events drew more male photographers than

bustly participants, but I'm loathe to call it un-feminist just because of a few overactive sex drives and cell-phone cameras.

Moral truths are sometimes so obvious, they're plain as day. It was, too, for football fans following the saga of Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who has been suspended after another allegation of sexual assault.

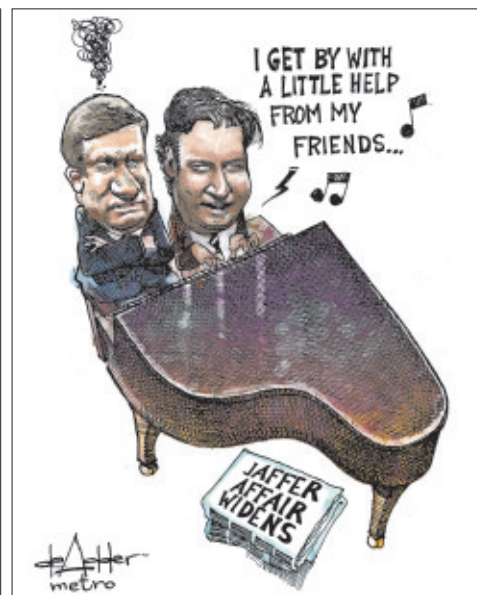
I have negative interest in football, but what's not to love after reading this tweet from Vinnie Malhotra, executive producer for ESPN, from the floor of the NFL Draft: "Guy in a Roethlisberger jersey walking by at the NFL Draft. Crowd starts

chanting 'No Means No!'"

I'm glad this common-sense mantra has percolated into the mainstream.

Of course, with all the wacky things being said and done in Iran, it's no stretch to scoff at its leaders. Nor is it a difficult moral decision to shun an athlete twice accused of sexual assault. These are obvious things. I hope people can take their instinctual "Hey, that's not right" reactions toward Boobquake or Roethlisberger and carry that with them into the future.

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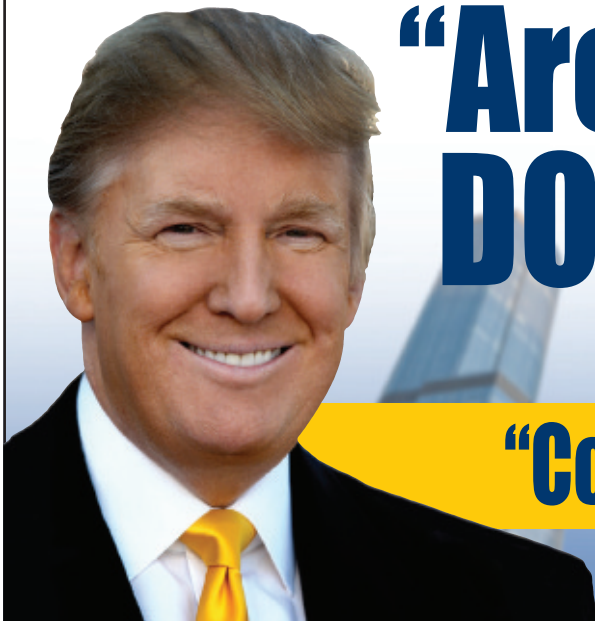
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Suspected militants attacked a paramilitary checkpoint yesterday in a region where Pakistan has resisted U.S. pressure to wage an offensive against Islamist extremists, intelligence officials said. Four insurgents died and one soldier was wounded. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World

Help spread the power, UN urges

The UN is asking rich nations to provide tens of billions of dollars per year to help bring electricity to the quarter of the world's population that still lacks it. A panel of advisers to UN chief Ban Ki-moon, left, said yesterday it aims to boost clean, cheap energy sources but also reduce the world's "intensity" of carbon pollution by 40 per cent by 2030.

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Zambian prisons 'unfit for human habitation': NGO

AFRICA Prisons in Zambia are so overcrowded that inmates are sometimes forced to sleep seated or in shifts, and children behind bars are vulnerable to rape by adult prisoners, aids organizations said.

A report released by the Prisons Care and Counseling Association (PRISCCA), AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), and Human Rights Watch Tuesday said that some prisoners are detained for years enduring such conditions before they are even brought to trial.

"Zambian prisoners are starved, packed into cells unfit for human habitation, and face beatings at the hands of certain guards or fellow inmates," said Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch.

"Children, pregnant women, pretrial detainees, and convicted criminals are condemned to brutal treatment and are at serious risk of drug-resistant TB and HIV infection."

The groups are calling on the Zambian government and its partners to make immediate improvements in prison conditions and medical care. There was no immediate comment from Zambian government officials.

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News in brief

MACEDONIA The U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia warned the country yesterday that its future depends on it resolving its long-running dispute with Greece over Macedonia's name.

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'Just ridiculous'

British PM in hot water over candid remarks

Britain's bedraggled Prime Minister Gordon Brown waltzed into a political train wreck yesterday after forgetting to turn off his microphone.

He described a loyal Labour voter as a bigot for asking about immigration, blamed advisers for a "disaster" ahead of next week's election, then rushed back to the voter's house to beg her forgiveness.

All the country could do was look on — in shock, amazement and sometimes glee — as the painful, riveting drama played out over television and radio for hours. The debacle created a massive setback for Brown on the eve of the last TV debate ahead of the May 6 vote.

Grandmother Gillian Duffy, 66, met with Brown at a campaign stop in the northern town of Rochdale and questioned him about the influx of eastern European immigrants who have come to Britain.

Many people are angry that immigrants are taking jobs at a time when Britain's unemployment level is soaring. More than one million eastern Europeans have moved to Britain since the EU gained new members like Poland, Bulgaria and Romania, but some have also left during the bruising recession.

Brown brushed the question aside and explained that Britons were also working in eastern Europe, leaving in his car in a hurry and forgetting to turn off his microphone.



British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, left, was caught calling a 66-year-old widow a "bigoted woman" on the campaign trail.

Who is that woman?

Gillian Duffy is a retired widow who had worked with handicapped children and whose family had all voted for Labour. She says, though, she may abstain from voting after this encounter.

"That was a disaster, they should never have put me with that woman. Whose idea was that? It's just ridiculous," Brown is heard saying. Asked what Duffy had said to upset him, Brown said: "Everything. She's just a sort of bigoted woman."

Brown's gaffe was immediately broadcast and he was then grilled about it on a televised radio show. Slumped over with his head in his hand, Brown said he realized he had made a mistake and regretted the remarks.

"He's an educated person, why has he come out with words like that?" Duffy said. "He's calling an ordinary woman who's

just come up and asked questions ... a bigot."

The political consequences of the blunder could be severe, with Brown already third in opinion polls for the general election and desperate to show his supposedly statesmanlike credentials to dispatch less experienced rivals, Conservative leader David Cameron and Nick Clegg of the Liberal Democrats.

Ironically, Brown's campaign team overhauled their election strategy this week — betting that more contact between their leader and ordinary people would revive his flagging election hopes.

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South Asia the new global terror hotbed

CASUALTIES An increase in terrorist attacks in Pakistan and Afghanistan triggered a spike in the number of civilians killed or wounded there last year, pushing South Asia past the Middle East as the terrorism hot spot, according to figures compiled by the National Counterterrorism Center.

Thousands of civilians, mostly Muslim, continue to be slaughtered in extremist attacks, contributing to the instability of the often shaky, poverty-stricken governments in the region, the statistics show. The struggling countries provide havens for terrorists who are increasingly targeting the U.S. and other western nations. At the same time, U.S.-led operations against insurgents increased in both countries.

"The numbers, to a certain extent, are a reflection of where the enemy is gathering," said Juan

"The numbers are a reflection of where the enemy is gathering."

Juan Zarate, senior adviser

Zarate, a top counterterrorism official in the Bush administration, now senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "So, to the extent we are seeing more attacks in Afghanistan and Pakistan, it's a reflection of resistance to U.S. policy and presence."

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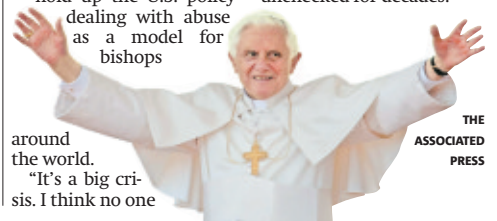
Pope may issue mea culpa

CHURCH Pope Benedict XVI may issue a mea culpa for the church's handling of clerical sexual abuse cases when he attends a meeting of the world's clergy in June, the Vatican official in charge of handling abuse cases said.

Cardinal William Levada also said he intended to hold up the U.S. policy dealing with abuse as a model for bishops

should try to diminish that," Levada said.

As the scandal has raged around the Vatican, Benedict has come under increasing pressure to admit some form of higher responsibility on the part of the Vatican for fomenting a culture of secrecy that allowed abuse to fester unchecked for decades.



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Boy killed over video game, police say

Chilean police say a 16-year-old boy has been charged with killing his brother in a fight over a PlayStation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Most Americans in pollution danger: Study

Six in 10 Americans — about 175 million people — are living in places where air pollution often reaches dangerous levels, despite progress in reducing particle pollution, the American Lung Association said in a report released yesterday.

The Los Angeles area had the nation's worst ozone pollution.

The report examined fine particulate matter over 24-hour periods and as a year-round average. Bakersfield, Calif., had the worst short-term particle pollution, and the Phoenix-

30M Nearly 30 million people live in areas with chronic levels of pollution so that even when levels are relatively low, people can be exposed to particles that increase the risk of asthma, lung damage and premature death.

Mesa-Scottsdale area of Arizona had the worst year-round particle pollution.

The U.S. cities with the cleanest air were Fargo, N.D., Wahpeton, N.D., and

Lincoln, Neb.

The report, based on 2006-08 figures, credited cleaner diesel engines and controls on coal-fired power plants for decreasing pollution such as soot and dust. But new research shows the risk of health problems from pollution

may be worse than once thought, especially for infants and children.

The California Air Resources Board has tripled its estimates of premature deaths in California from particle pollution to 18,000 a year, the report said.

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Icy asteroid may give clues about our water

SCIENCE Scientists have found lots of life-essential water — frozen as ice — in an unexpected place in the Earth's solar system: an asteroid between Mars and Jupiter.

The discovery of significant asteroid ice has several consequences. It could help explain where early Earth first got its water. It makes asteroids more attractive to explore, dovetailing with President Barack Obama's announcement earlier this month that astronauts should visit an asteroid. And it even muddies the definition between comets and asteroids, potentially triggering a Pluto-like scientific spat over what to call these solar system bodies.

This asteroid has an extensive but thin frosty coating. It is likely replenished by an extensive reservoir of frozen water deep inside rock once thought to be dry and desolate, scientists report in two studies in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Two teams of scientists used a NASA telescope in Hawaii to look at an asteroid called 24 Themis, one of the bigger rocks in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. Astronomers have long theorized that hydrogen and oxygen and bits of water locked in clay are in asteroids, but this is the first solid evidence.

And what they found on 24 Themis, a rock more than 160 kilometres wide with temperatures around -38 C, was more than they ever expected. About a third of the rock seemed to be covered in frost.

Furthermore, scientists didn't just find ice; they found organic molecules, similar to what may have started life on Earth, said University of Central Florida astronomy professor Humberto Campins, lead author of one of the studies.

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The advertisement features a black HP Photosmart Premium printer with a large, colorful, abstract graphic on top. The graphic consists of several overlapping, translucent shapes in shades of blue, purple, and pink, creating a sense of depth and movement. A hand is shown touching the printer's touchscreen interface, which displays a grid of icons. Above the printer, the text "new HP PHOTOSMART PREMIUM" is written in a clean, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "TOUCH." is written in a very large, bold, white font, followed by "PRINT. GO." in a slightly smaller, bold, white font. To the right of the printer, a small inset image shows a cupcake with a strawberry on top, with the text "Strawberry Cup Cakes" above it. Another inset image shows a map of a city. The overall background is dark, making the white text and colorful graphic stand out.

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Afghan project 'long-term': NATO chief

ELIZABETH BRAW
Metro World News

If NATO decided to add charm offensives to its arsenal of military ones, its Secretary-General would be its best weapon. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, a former Danish prime minister, combines political savvy with a personable demeanour rarely seen among high-ranking politicians.

Rasmussen, a former leader of Denmark's center-right Venstre party who has lead NATO since last August, talked with Metro at NATO's headquarters in Brussels.

Q What are the objectives of NATO's new offensive in Kandahar?

A A key element in our new Afghanistan strategy is to enhance the co-ordination between our military efforts and civilian reconstruction and development. You see this new strategy at work in Helmand province, where we

have liberated the area and provided governance, development assistance and an alternative livelihood for people. This kind of operation will be repeated in other parts of Afghanistan. Kandahar is one of these areas because it's a well-known Taliban stronghold.

Q President Karzai has recently said that he wants to veto the offensive or even join the Taliban. Do you ever worry that NATO has the wrong ally in Afghanistan?

A President Karzai is elected by the Afghan people. Afghanistan is a democracy, and we have to respect that in a democracy there's freedom of speech. President Karzai, too, has the right to voice his opinions, and sometimes his opinions won't be in accordance with those of the international coalition. The most important thing is that President Karzai delivers on his promises. He has pledged to fight corruption, and we expect him to live up to these commit-



NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen spoke to Metro about NATO's new offensive in Afghanistan.

ments.

Q Why have NATO's well-trained, well-equipped soldiers not been able to defeat poorly equipped Taliban fighters?

A There's no sole military solution to the problems in Afghanistan. If we want to achieve long-term peace

and stability in Afghanistan, our military efforts must go hand in hand with civilian development. Success in Afghanistan would be to make the Afghan government capable of running the country. There's no reason to hide it; this is a long-term project. We'll stay in Afghanistan for as long as it takes to achieve this

goal. The more we invest in this transition through training and educating the security forces and providing development assistance to the civilian population, the sooner they can take over.

Q Even so, many people in NATO countries want NATO to pull out of Afghanistan.

How can you convince them that the mission is necessary?

A It's a fact that many people in troop-contributing countries are skeptical about our mission in Afghanistan. I understand their concern. They're impatient and want to see progress, and so do I. But we are in Afghanistan first and foremost for our own security, to prevent the country from once again becoming a safe haven for terrorists. The terrorists who attacked the United States on 9/11 had been trained in Afghanistan, and the terrorists behind the London and Madrid attacks were inspired by these extremists. So if we left Afghanistan, we would risk terrorism spreading to Central Asia, and even farther. Even more importantly, we would risk destabilizing Pakistan, a nuclear power. That would be very, very dangerous. We are in Afghanistan to protect our own populations against terrorism.

Do You Want Beautiful Hair?

My name is Marianne Schneider. I am 54 years old and I have had hair problems as long as I can remember. I have experimented with an endless array of shampoos, sprays, hair treatments and conditioners and I have spent an enormous amount of money in hair salons. But all those efforts were to no avail... the results didn't last more than a few hours, at best.

When I was 49 it got even worse - one day I started shedding large tufts of hair. I consulted doctors and had my hormone status analyzed. I tried Schuessler salts and body detox therapy, none of which had any lasting effect. Finally, I had my hair cut short and only ventured into public wearing a head scarf because, by now I had so little hair left that my scalp was clearly visible. My friends pretended not to notice and told me it wasn't that bad. Sometimes though, I caught them sneaking glances at my head. And those stares at the supermarket or at the cinema - sometimes it was simply unbearable.

About three years ago, I met a woman who took me aside and asked, "Do you have a problem with your hair? Have you ever heard of silica?"



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So I tried Original Silicea Balsam and before long my hair actually started to grow back! In time it became much thicker and it felt much stronger. After about six months my hair had a wonderful shine and it looked very healthy. Now I have the beautiful hair I have been dreaming of all of my life. Although I am still the object of sneaky glances, and again it's because of my hair - but now I revel in those glances admiring my beautiful, healthy hair.

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Hamas loosens hold on Gaza Strip's musclemen

About 70 men with big muscles and small shorts posed and flexed on stage before a panel of judges and a few thousand fans, all seeking prizes in the Gaza bodybuilding championship.

But the sight of men lathered in oil and wearing little more than underwear was unusual for the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, where the Islamist militant group has imposed a so-called virtue campaign that mandates head scarves and form-concealing gowns for women and girls in government offices and schools.

As part of its campaign, Hamas strongly encourages such dress elsewhere, and its policemen have recently forced men to wear shirts on the beach.

But Hamas doesn't reject bodybuilding — as long as only men see it.

Participants said their sport — along with just about every other aspect of life in Gaza — has been hurt by an Israeli-Egyptian blockade imposed after the



Khalid Filfil, 20, left, and Mohammed Motaga, 19, flex yesterday before competing in their first bodybuilding contest, at Al-Aqsa University in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.

Islamic militant group Hamas seized the territory from forces loyal to Palestinians President Mahmoud Abbas in 2007.

The closure keeps even the buffest contestants from competing outside.

On the other hand, some of the musclemen have had

more time to train since Hamas took over. Many of the Gaza bodybuilders are former security men loyal to Abbas and continue to draw a salary from his West Bank government, on condition that they stay home and not work for Hamas.

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Human remains may be suicides

SUICIDE Swiss authorities are investigating a macabre discovery: Dozens of urns filled with human ashes stuck in the mud beneath Lake Zurich.

The surprise find — by divers searching for their boat's lost sunroof — is drawing attention to some uncomfortable aspects of assisted suicide, a practice permitted in Switzerland but which is coming under increasing public scrutiny.

Zurich police won't say if they have evidence directly connecting the rust-coloured urns to Dignitas, a Swiss group that has helped hundreds of people take their lives in recent years.

But The Atlantic magazine just reported eerily similar burials conducted by Dignitas founder Ludwig Minelli. In a profile of him last month, the magazine said that Minelli stores the urns until he has enough to fill his car then dumps them into Lake Zurich from a "quiet spot nestled among the multi-million-dollar houses."

Soraya Wernli, a former Dignitas employee, recounted a similar story in 2008 from her time with the organization. She said dumping urns into the lake was common.

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Rogers sees its future in wireless data

Consumers who email, text and surf the Internet on their smartphones are expected to keep driving growth for Rogers Communications Inc., Canada's largest cellphone services provider.

"The opportunity is there and the consumption of wireless data will be a big driver of our business," president and CEO Nadir Mohamed said yesterday, after Rogers reported its first-quarter financial results. "That's where the future is — growing wireless data."

The wireless division made up more than 60 per cent of the company's overall revenue in the latest quarter and data services made up 26 per cent of the wireless network revenue, or about 15 per cent of total revenue.

Rogers said one-third of its wireless customers now use smartphones, primarily BlackBerrys, iPhones and Google Android devices. "Over time, it's my view that every one of our cus-

Media division

Nadir Mohamed, Rogers president and CEO, said for the first time in two years revenues began to grow again in its media division — which owns publications, radio and TV stations, specialty cable channels and the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team — with most of it coming from specialty TV stations as well as the Shopping Channel businesses.

tomers will have a smartphone," Mohamed said.

In its quarterly results, Rogers reported it earned \$380 million or 64 cents per share in the three months ended March 31. That's up from \$309 million or 49 cents a year ago.

Rob Bruce, president of Rogers' wireless division, said cost controls helped drive the results, noting jobs were cut last year and vendor contracts were renegotiated.

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Customers visit Starbucks redesigned SoHo store incorporating New York City's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) registered design, an internationally recognized green building certification system. The store features reused wood from a more than 100-year-old Pennsylvania barn for floors and countertops along with special environmental-friendly lights from GE, a partner in the project, to help reduce energy costs.

Canam reports 75% sales drop

MANUFACTURING Canada's largest steel fabricator Canam Group Inc. swung to a loss in the first quarter as consolidated sales plunged 75 per cent.

The net loss for the period totalled \$900,000 or two cents per share, reversing net earnings of \$5.4 million or 12 cents per share in the same 2009 period. Consolidated sales dropped to \$105.6 million from \$180.2 million, the Quebec-based company said.

Canam makes and erects fabricated steel used in commercial buildings, arenas, sports stadiums, convention centres and other projects. It employs close to 3,000 people in Canada, the United States, Romania and India. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toyota to recall about 50,000 Sequoia SUVs

AUTOS Toyota Motor Corp. announced the recall yesterday of 50,000 Sequoia sport utility vehicles in the United States and Canada to fix an unexpected slowing of the vehicle in the latest safety problem to hit the Japanese automaker.

Toyota said the recall of certain 2003 models would address the vehicle's electronic stability control system, which helps maintain traction during turning. In some cases, the stability control in vehicles could activate at low speed and prevent the SUV from accelerating as quickly as the driver expects, the company said.

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration had been investigating the issue and Toyota said it decided to recall the vehicles to address the government's concerns.

The automaker said it had no reports of accidents or injuries connected to the issue and about half of the vehicles had already been repaired under warranty.

About 1,500 of the vehicles are being recalled in Canada. All affected customers will be notified of the recall by mail at the end of May, Toyota said.

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TMX Group opposes rival's entry

MARKETS TMX Group Inc., operator of Canada's main securities markets, reiterated its opposition yesterday to granting full exchange status to a rival trading system operated by Canada's biggest banks.

TMX CEO Thomas Kloet, speaking on a conference call, said the bid by Alpha Trading systems raises conflict-of-interest issues between the banks that own it and the companies that would list their shares.

Alpha

Alpha Group — which applied last week to become a recognized stock exchange — was established in 2007 by the brokerage arms of Canada's six big banks as well as Canaccord Capital Inc., the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Desjardins Securities Inc.

Asked if TMX Group would be interested in acquiring Alpha in order to rid itself of a bothersome rival, Kloet refused to comment specifically. Any acquisition, he said, "would have to revolve around an opportunity that both fits a strategic need and is accretive to shareholder value." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Challenging aftermath

Canada's recession was short — and in some regions brutal — but the aftermath will be almost as challenging, three new separate reports on the economy suggest.

The reports from the country's budget watchdog, Statistics Canada and one of the leading economic think-tanks, the Conference Board, are remarkably similar in detailing what Canada lost during the recession and the

problems it faces in recovery. Putting it in economic terms, Statistics Canada

\$225B

In dollar terms, the parliamentary budget office estimates that by 2014, when the economy returns to normal, Canada will have suffered a cumulative total of \$225 billion in lost output.

2008 after the near financial collapse on Wall Street and didn't end until last summer. Recovery has been spotty, with solid growth in Canada.

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Business in brief

DEAL Palm Inc., a pioneer in the smartphone business that couldn't quite make the comeback it needed, has agreed to be bought out by Hewlett-Packard Co. for about \$1 billion US in cash. The companies an-

nounced yesterday that the deal will see HP pay \$5.70 for every Palm common share. When debt is included, the deal values Palm at \$1.2 billion.

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Hemisphere Energy Corp. says it has entered into an agreement to acquire an additional working interest in its Trutch property in northeast British Columbia in a cash and stock deal worth \$350,000. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Barrick earnings good as gold

Barrick Gold Corp. says higher gold prices and increased production volumes helped it achieve record earnings in the first quarter.

The world's biggest gold miner reported yesterday that its net income more than doubled to \$758 million US, or 76 cents per share, beating analyst expectations of 62.3 cents per share, according to estimates compiled by Thomson Reuters.

The results are a significant increase from profits

of \$371 million, or 42 cents per share, in the same period last year.

Sales also beat analyst expectations, rising to \$2.6 billion from \$1.8 billion in the year-ago quarter.

Barrick's quarterly results were helped by bullion prices, which have hovered around \$1,100 US an ounce so far this year.

Barrick's average realized gold price was \$1,114 per ounce, an increase of 22 per cent from a year earlier.

Chief executive Aaron

Regent told investors at the company's annual meeting in Toronto that he believes gold will continue to serve as a safe haven as economic uncertainty prevails and affects the value of international currencies, stocks and bonds.

"These factors, combined with risk aversion over escalating sovereign credit worries in Europe, position gold to benefit as investors and central banks look for alternatives to major currencies of the world," Regent said.

During the quarter, gold production was up 19 per cent to 2.08 million ounces at a cost of \$442 per ounce.

The company said it was on track with its guidance to increase production to between 7.6 million and eight million ounces this year, with costs between \$425 and \$455 US per ounce.

"We are anticipating lower costs in 2010, which reflects the increased contribution from our lower-cost mines," Regent said.

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Barrick Gold chairman Peter Munk speaks during the company's annual general meeting in Toronto yesterday.

Post-Olympic boom hits Vancouver

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INVESTMENT The 2010 Olympics sealed the deal on over \$60 million worth of investment in the Vancouver-region, area mayors and business leaders said yesterday.

While some of the eight deals announced had been in the works long before the Olympic flame was lit, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the Games were the catalyst that turned handshakes into formal contracts. "The Games were an excellent crucible for bringing business people together from around the world and introducing them to the

local business community, building partnerships and relationships," he told a news conference.

"We're seeing significant results in only weeks following the Games."

The deals are being attributed directly to a \$1.5 million program run by nine Metro Vancouver municipalities during the Games to attract investment.

Seventy-one companies were invited to the region for four days and introduced to local companies, politicians and other agencies.

Business leaders also received tickets to Olympics events, which upset some critics who had suggested the public shouldn't be funding elite access to the Games. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Slumping KFC to get new menu

DISAPPOINTMENT Prizm Income Fund says it is developing a KFC value strategy and will introduce new innovative menu items to pull the restaurant franchisor and operator out of a disappointing first quarter.

Toronto-based Prizm, the fund behind most of Canada's KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell food outlets, said yesterday its loss for the three months ended March 31 widened to \$4.8 million or 30.1 cents a share. That compared with a loss of \$2.6

million or 17.7 cents a share in the same year-earlier period.

Restaurant sales from continuing operations slipped eight per cent to \$83.5 million from \$91 million.

"We are not happy with our recent sales performance," executive chairman John Bitove said in a statement released yesterday.

"We are working closely with the franchisor, Yum!

Canada, to improve performance for the balance of the year."

Bitove said the lower restaurant sales stemmed from a drop in same store sales growth, which fell 7.1 per cent over the same quarter of 2009, and from operating nine fewer restaurants than at the end of the corresponding period last year.

The fund holds a 60 per cent interest in Prizm Limited Partnership, which owns and operates more than 400 KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut restaurants in seven provinces across Canada.

Units of the fund dipped half a cent to 86 cents on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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Jean Coutu erases fourth quarter loss

PROFIT Jean Coutu Group Inc. has eliminated losses associated with the Quebec-based pharmacy company's ill-fated attempt to crack the U.S. market and returned to profitability in its fourth quarter and 2010 fiscal year.

Net income for the fourth quarter was \$42.8 million or 18 cents per share as revenue increased by \$30 million from a year earlier to \$637 million.

The profit was slightly ahead of analyst estimates compiled by Thomson Reuters but the top line growth fell short of expectations, which was for \$654.7 million in revenue.

In the year-earlier period, Jean Coutu's quarterly revenue was \$607.2 million.

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U.S. Steel Canada to sell two mills in Hamilton

STEEL U.S. Steel Canada Inc. has agreed to sell two of its mills at its site in Hamilton, but says "the balance" of operations at the Hamilton Works will not be affected.

The Pittsburgh-based steel giant will sell the No. 1 Bar Mill and the No. 3 Bloom and Billet Mill at its Hamilton Works to German-owned Max Aicher (North America) Inc.

Terms of the transaction were not released.

U.S. Steel Canada, formerly known as Stelco, says the sale allows the company to focus on core operations that will strengthen its position as a leading producer of value-added flat-rolled products at its mills in Hamilton and Nanticoke, Ont.

U.S. Steel bought the former Stelco for more than \$1 billion in 2007 but has been in a legal battle with the federal government over its decision to shut down a major part of its Canadian operations last year because of the recession.

It is facing possible fines of up to \$10,000 a day — an amount the company says could add up to \$14.6 million — for its failure to keep employment and production promises it made when it acquired the Hamilton-based steelmaker.

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Business in brief

TECH Microsoft appears to be taking sides with the Taiwanese cellphone maker HTC in its legal tussle with Apple over intellectual property. Microsoft said yesterday that it has reached an agreement that will give HTC the rights to use its technology in phones using Google's Android software.

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No Greek debt restructuring: European Commission
The European Commission ruled out a Greek debt restructuring and said it was monitoring credit agencies that downgraded the status of Greek bonds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. approves first offshore wind farm

The Obama administration has approved what would be the United States' first offshore wind farm, off Cape Cod, inching the U.S. closer to harvesting an untapped domestic energy source — the steady breezes blowing along its vast coasts.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced his decision yesterday in Boston, clearing the way for a 130-turbine wind farm in Nantucket Sound on the East Coast. Cape Wind was in its ninth year of federal review, and Salazar stepped in early this year to bring what he called much-needed resolution to the bitterly contested proposal.

Approval of the project would break new ground in the drive toward renewable power, Massachusetts Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles said.

"This will be the shot



U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, left, and Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Hayes view Nantucket Sound in this February photo, during a tour of the area for the proposed Cape Wind project off the coast of Cape Cod.

heard around the world for clean energy," he said.

Cape Wind says it can generate power by 2012 and aims to eventually supply three-quarters of the power on Cape Cod, which has about 225,000 residents. Cape Wind officials say it will provide green jobs and a reliable domestic energy source,

while offshore wind advocates are hoping it can jump-start the U.S. industry.

Major U.S. proposals include a project in Texas state waters, but most are concentrated along the East Coast north of Maryland, including projects in Delaware and New Jersey.

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Broncos lose All-Pro tackle to injury: Report

Denver Broncos All-Pro left tackle Ryan Clady has undergone surgery to repair a torn left patellar tendon and will be out for several months, according to a published report. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports

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Habs pull it off

Eliminate Capitals after trailing 3-1 in playoff series

(Montreal wins series 4-3)

Capitals 1 Canadiens 2



Led by Jaroslav Halak's spectacular, acrobatic goaltending, the Montreal Canadiens slowed Alex Ovechkin and the rest of the Washington Capitals' high-powered offence to complete an unlikely comeback and eliminate the NHL's best regular-season team in the first round.

Halak made 41 saves, Marc-Andre Bergeron scored during a 4-on-3 goal in the last 30 seconds of the opening period last night, and eighth-seeded Montreal held on to beat Washington 2-1 in Game 7, stunning the Presidents' Trophy winners by reeling off three consecutive victories.

The Canadiens are the ninth No. 8 team to knock off a No. 1 in 32 matchups since the NHL went to its current playoff format in 1994 — and the first to come back from a 3-1 series deficit.

Halak has become a beloved figure in Montreal. The Slovak netminder was depicted as Jesus Christ in one local newspa-



Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak fights for the puck with Washington Capitals centre Brendan Morrison last night.

per where he was drawn yesterday in a Habs jersey, goalie mask, and flowing white robes.

The clergy itself was getting into the act.

A Roman Catholic priest from Trois-Rivieres was on TV explaining why he had

Habs logos embedded all over his stole, the ceremonial scarf that runs down his robes. He said he would pray for the best team to win... but expressed hope the good Lord might side with his Habs.

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Woods tries to keep it low-key at Quail Hollow

GOLF Tiger Woods entered the room with little fanfare, and without the constant clicking of camera shutters.

His press conference in Charlotte, N.C., lasted only 16 minutes.

The PGA Tour required an admission ticket for the media, although that wasn't necessary. There were 76 seats in the interview room, and 24 of them were empty.

On the golf course, Woods received warm applause when he was introduced on the first tee. The loudest cheer came at the end of his pro-am round yesterday at Quail Hollow when he knocked in a 25-foot birdie putt before thousands of fans soaking up warm sunshine.

"I have to say, this feels a

Jordan a hit

• Sure, Tiger Woods is here, but Michael Jordan still rules in North Carolina.

• Thousands swarmed tee boxes and greens yesterday afternoon as the new owner of the Charlotte Bobcats played in the Quail Hollow Championship pro-am.

heck of a lot more normal than the Masters did," Woods said.

The Quail Hollow Championship is another step toward Woods trying to get back to normal, at least with his golf.

Everything about this tournament was going to be different from Augusta National, where the world's No. 1 player made his celebrated return to

competition after five months of fallout from his extramarital affairs. Quail Hollow doesn't have the magnitude of the stage, the size of the gallery or the level of media interest.

Even so, this is the first PGA Tour event Woods is playing where tickets were sold to the general public. The behaviour was not much different from three weeks ago at the Masters, and Woods wasn't surprised.

"I'll tell you what, the people here have always been very gracious, very excited about this event," Woods said. "These fans here really get into the event, and again, with a great field like this, I think it'll be another great week."

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In Red Wings, Sharks meet their role model

When the San Jose Sharks hired former Detroit assistant Todd McLellan as their head coach two years ago, they were looking to duplicate some of the post-season success the Red Wings had enjoyed.

Now they get to find out if the imitation is as good as the original when the two teams meet in a Western Conference second-

round series beginning tonight in San Jose.

McLellan brought over many of the philosophies he learned in Detroit under coach Mike Babcock, most notably a strong emphasis on puck possession.

"It's a copycat league," Sharks defenceman Douglas Murray said. "It always has been and probably always will be. When you have successful franchises

like Detroit, teams are going to copy it. If it's successful why not try to use it?"

The one thing the Sharks haven't been able to emulate is Detroit's post-season success. The Sharks have not made it past the second round in their past four trips to the post-season, including a second-round loss to the Red Wings in 2007.

A playoff rematch has

Day off for Wings

• The Red Wings flew to the Bay Area Tuesday night and took yesterday off to try to be as fresh as possible for today's series opener.

seemed inevitable because of how much talent both teams have. But early exits the past two seasons by San

Jose have delayed that.

"They play a similar style to us," Detroit forward Henrik Zetterberg said. "We've been facing them a lot the last few years in the playoffs. It's usually a really good series. It's well-played hockey and it's exciting for the fans."

Despite being the two best teams in the NHL since the start of the 2005-06 season, the 2007 series

is the only post-season meeting in that span.

The Red Wings were knocked out in the first round by Edmonton in 2006, the Sharks fell in the second round to Dallas in 2008 with the Red Wings waiting in the Western Conference finals and San Jose lost in the first round last season despite having the best record in the NHL.

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Inter loses, but still advances to Champions final

SOCCER Inter Milan lost 1-0 at Barcelona yesterday but still reached its first Champions League final in 38 years by beating the defending champion 3-2 on aggregate.

The Italian champion braved continuous pressure from the slick-passing Catalans to line up a final against Bayern Munich May 22 in Madrid after winning the first leg 3-1.

Defender Gerard Pique scored in the 84th minute after Inter had frustrated Barcelona's attack.

Inter was reduced to 10 men from the 28th minute

when Thiago Motta picked up a second yellow card after tangling with Sergio Busquets.

Inter held on in front of nearly 100,000 fans at the Camp Nou to give itself a chance at a third title — and first since 1965.

Moments after Barcelona substitute Bojan Krkic headed a clear chance wide, Pique received the ball inside the area before twisting past a defender and goalkeeper Julio Cesar and drilling his shot on the turn into an empty net.

Lionel Messi was given

little room to roam, but the Argentina winger had a chance late after having delivered a perfect cross for Krkic in the 82nd minute.

Krkic found the back of the net in injury time but his strike was ruled out for a handball by Yaya Toure in the buildup.

Inter coach Jose Mourinho and his players sprinted onto the field to celebrate at the final whistle. Barcelona goalkeeper Victor Valdes tangled with Mourinho as he pointed up to the Inter section of fans.

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Gerard Pique of FC Barcelona scores his side's opening goal yesterday during the UEFA Champions League match between Barcelona and Inter Milan at the Camp Nou in Barcelona.

Czech Republic, Slovakia consider establishing common soccer league

Czech Republic and Slovak soccer officials are considering the setting up of a common league for the two countries that once formed one state — Czechoslovakia. The Czech federation said in a statement yesterday it will work together with its Slovak counterpart and UEFA on the project. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Cleveland's LeBron James tries to get a shot off against Brad Miller of the Chicago Bulls in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals Tuesday.

Elbow room: LeBron's puzzling injury

LeBron James' ambidexterity makes him special — perhaps the most skilled basketball player on the planet.

James can drive, dribble and create with either hand. It's not widely known that James writes with his left. He never shoots free throws that way.

He did Tuesday.

Bothered by a puzzling injury that numbs his el-

bow, James curiously launched and missed a free throw left-handed in the closing seconds of Cleveland's 96-94 playoff win over Chicago, adding some unexpected late-night drama to the Cavaliers advancing to a second-round matchup against Boston.

James revealed afterward that the elbow has been troubling him for weeks. He underwent

treatment yesterday and is expected to have further testing done before Saturday's Game 1.

X-rays and an MRI taken Monday showed no obvious structural damage, but clearly something is wrong with James' elbow, which he has covered recently with a padded, protective sleeve.

"I don't know, honestly, what's going on with it," James said after finishing

one assist shy of a triple-double in Game 5.

"I've done tests to try and figure this thing out, but it almost feels like you hit your funny bone and it kind of numbs up for a little bit.

"It bothers me more because I don't actually know what it is. We'll figure it out. I've never had a problem with my elbow before."

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Maver ready to adopt a new home following CFL Canadian college draft

FOOTBALL Rob Maver can't wait for Sunday.

That's when months of uncertainty will end for the Guelph Gryphons kicker-punter, who will finally know where he will begin his pro football career when the CFL conducts its annual Canadian college draft (TSN, noon ET).

"I'm getting anxious," Maver said with a chuckle yesterday. "I'd be lying if I said otherwise.

"It's worse than waiting for Christmas when you're a five-year-old kid."

And not just for Maver,

24, of Brampton.

"I'm not nearly as anxious as my family," he said. "They're going crazy in a good way.

"My family is moving out to B.C. so I'm not going to have a home base in Toronto and Brampton anymore. Whatever team takes me, I'm going to call that place home so I can fully commit to that team and be there in the off-season working out with the guys so I can be fully committed to getting better. That's why I'm so eager to find out where I will be calling home."

"I'm getting anxious. I'd be lying if I said otherwise. ... It's worse than waiting for Christmas when you're a five-year-old kid." Brampton's Rob Maver on the CFL draft

Fortunately, the five-foot-11, 212-pound Maver shouldn't have to wait long to hear his name called. He's ranked sixth among the draft's top-15 prospects and according to the CFL's scouting bureau and is the only kicker to crack the list.

He was the only kicker invited to the CFL's evaluation camp in March in

Toronto, where Maver quashed the notion kickers aren't athletic. Maver not only participated fully in the drills but bench-pressed 225 pounds 11 times and completed the 40-yard dash in 4.97 seconds.

But that's no surprise to Kyle Walters, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers special-teams coach who was Maver's

head coach at Guelph.

"Rob is a football player that happens to kick the ball," Walters said. "He works out hard, he trains hard, he loves football, he loves practice and helps out wherever he can.

"If he chose to play receiver or defensive back in high school or someone hadn't found out he could kick the ball so far he'd still be playing football at another position, I guarantee you that."

Maver's kicking skills are definitely in demand in the CFL. The Toronto Arg-

onauts, Calgary Stampeders and Hamilton Tiger-Cats all need either a punter or kicker, creating no shortage of intrigue heading into the draft. At first glance, Toronto would appear to have the best shot at landing Maver considering it has three picks in the first 11 (Nos. one, eight and 11). Trouble is, the rebuilding Argos — who had a league-worst 3-15 record last year — have many needs to address in the draft and can't be guaranteed Maver would be available even at No. 8.

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Oakland Athletics left-hander Brett Anderson will not throw for two weeks due to a left arm injury. Oakland manager Bob Geren said yesterday that Anderson has a strained flexor. Anderson, on the 15-day disabled list, underwent a contrast MRI exam Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports in brief

NFL The Arizona Cardinals have re-signed nose tackle Bryan Robinson to a one-year contract. The 13-year NFL veteran has started the past two seasons for the Cardinals after stints with St. Louis, Chicago,

Miami and Cincinnati. The signing follows the selection of nose tackle Dan Williams of Tennessee by Arizona in the first round of last week's draft.

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Trophy touches down in T.O.

The FIFA World Cup Trophy made it to Canada yesterday for the first, or maybe second, or maybe third time.

Organizers of the global trophy tour billed yesterday's visit as the first ever. But like UFOs, more sightings were quickly reported.

Canadian soccer icon Bob Lenarduzzi, a former national team player and manager, said yesterday he had a photo of himself with the trophy from a dinner in Vancouver in 1994 when the golden statuette made it to Canada in advance of the World Cup in the U.S.

Nick Dasovic, a former national team player and current Toronto FC assistant, recalls doing the same at a Toronto dinner prior to that '94 World Cup.

"Was it the real trophy? Who knows," said Dasovic, who nevertheless made sure he got a hand on the trophy and a photo — a keepsake he has today.

And longtime national team manager Les Wilson recalled a World Cup trophy at a 1986 dinner in Toronto to honour the Canadian team that quali-



A security guard rushes to stop Junior Lin, 12, of Toronto from grabbing onto the trophy case with the solid gold World Cup trophy inside yesterday at the CBC Broadcasting Centre.

fied for the World Cup that year.

A spokeswoman for Hill & Knowlton Canada, which handled publicity for the Canadian leg of the trophy, said FIFA confirmed the trophy that touched down yesterday was the real thing — and it had never made it to Canada before.

World Cup winners get a gold-plate replica of the trophy, the spokeswoman said. Perhaps one of those had made it to Canada in

the past.

History aside, Canada got another brief taste of World Cup fever yesterday as soccer's biggest prize dropped in for a visit.

In a scene more suited to the arrival of an Oscar winner, the FIFA World Cup Trophy arrived early at Pearson International Airport. It travelled there on a plane adorned with FIFA and World Cup logos, and was taxied directly to a red carpet.

There, handlers whisked the 13-pound golden trophy from its protective case to a makeshift stage. After being hidden beneath a black sheet, the statuette was unveiled — prompting dozens of clicks and flashes from cellphones and television cameras.

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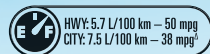
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Minnesota Twins first baseman Justin Morneau of New Westminster, B.C., did not start last night against the Detroit Tigers because of a stiff back. Morneau left Tuesday night's game after striking out three times against Justin Verlander. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports in brief

NBA Even on a day off, Dwight Howard can antagonize officials enough to draw a penalty. The Orlando Magic centre was fined \$35,000 US by the NBA yesterday for criticizing officials on his blog, the second time this season he's been penalized for posting such comments.

NFL The Chicago Bears have traded safety Kevin Payne to the St. Louis Rams for an undisclosed 2011 draft pick. Payne started 22-of-32 games in three seasons and had 195 tackles with four interceptions.

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Leafs sign another goalie

NHL The Toronto Maple Leafs signed free-agent goaltender Ben Scrivens to a one-year NHL entry level contract yesterday.

Scrivens, 23, was a finalist for the 2010 Hobey Baker Award, given annually to the NCAA's top player. The native of Spruce Grove, Alta., was also a first-team all-American with Cornell University and won the ECAC Hockey Ken Dryden Award as the league's top goaltender.

In 34 games with Cornell, Scrivens led the NCAA in shutouts (7), save percentage (.934) and was tied for the lead in goals-against average (1.87).

He also recorded the third-longest shutout streak in NCAA history, going 267 minutes 11 seconds without allowing a goal.

The move comes after the Leafs signed free-agent Finnish goalie Jussi Rynnas on Friday.

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Coyotes gain hope

Team seeks to build on unexpected success

The lead-up to this season for the Phoenix Coyotes started in bankruptcy court, and the year ended with a crushing Game 7 defeat in the first round of the playoffs.

In between, the Coyotes unexpectedly put together the best season in their 30-year history.

"This year didn't start out obviously remotely the way that I would have liked it to and it hasn't finished the way I would have liked it to either, but as a group, it was an unbelievable time," captain Shane Doan said.

Along the way Phoenix set multiple franchise records, ended a playoff drought that stretched back to 2002 and revitalized its fan base.

The Coyotes' 50 wins and 107 points were both fourth best in the NHL. Phoenix took the two-time defending Western Conference champion Detroit Red Wings to seven games, and after playing in a half-empty home arena for much of the season, ended the year with eight straight sellouts.



A crowd in Glendale, Ariz., watches the Phoenix Coyotes lose Game 7 to the Detroit Red Wings on Tuesday night.

Now the Coyotes are hoping they can turn their storybook run into the foundation for long-term success.

"I think we made strong steps that way this year," coach Dave Tippett said.

Phoenix heads into the off-season again facing uncertainty, but there is a high level of optimism and excitement surrounding this team that wasn't there before.

The first order of business will be finding a new owner.

Once the ownership issue is settled, general manager Don Maloney can get to work attempting to re-sign the team's long list of potential unrestricted free agents, which includes half the team's defencemen and forwards Matthew Lombardi and Lee Stempniak. Lombardi was second on the team with 53 points, and Stempniak had 14 goals in 18 regular season games with Phoenix.

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China loses medal after gymnast found to be underage

The International Olympic Committee has stripped China of its bronze medal from the women's team competition at the 2000 Sydney Games for using an underage gymnast. Dong Fangxiao's results from Sydney were wiped out in February after the International Gymnastics Federation determined she was only 14 at the 2000 Olympics. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Lester lifts Sox over Blue Jays

MLB RESULTS

Red Sox 2 Blue Jays 0



Jon Lester struck out 11 and allowed one hit over seven innings as the Boston Red Sox shut out the Toronto Blue Jays 2-0 last night to complete a three-game sweep.

Darnell McDonald scored a run and drove in another for Boston as the Red Sox sent the Blue Jays to their fifth straight loss in front of 15,276 at Rogers Centre.

Toronto starter Brett Cecil (1-1) went six innings, allowing five hits and one run.

McDonald led off the sixth with a double and former Jay Marco Scutaro singled him to third before Dustin Pedroia's sacrifice fly put the Red Sox ahead 1-0. Kevin Youkilis doubled with two outs to move Scutaro to third, but J.D. Drew lined out as Cecil got out of trouble.

McDonald was at it again in the seventh as he drove



Boston Red Sox shortstop Marco Scutaro tags Toronto Blue Jays Mike McCoy, who was caught stealing second base last night at the Rogers Centre. The Red Sox won 2-0.

in Boston's second run with two-out single to score Adrian Beltré from third.

Daniel Bard replaced Lester (1-2) to start the eighth and gave up a lead-off double to Alex Gonzalez, but recovered to strike out three successive pinch-hitters. Jonathan Papelbon pitched the ninth for his

seventh save.

Before the game, Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said second baseman Aaron Hill, although playing regularly, is still hampered by the hamstring injury that had him on the disabled list until last Friday.

"We don't want him to blow it out," said Gaston.

"He doesn't complain about it but I'm just trying to co-ordinate it as far as not running him, make sure that (third base coach Brian) Butterfield doesn't try to stretch him out in certain situations.

"We don't want to lose him again."

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Reds open NCC defence with bruising 2-0 win over Impact

NCC RESULTS

Impact 0 TFC 3



Tempers boiled and blood was spilled when Toronto and Montreal renewed their rivalry last night, with Toronto FC earning a physical 2-0 win over the Impact.

Toronto had goals from captain Dwayne De Rosario, in the 12th minute, and forward Chad Barrett in the 61st to open its defence of the Nutrilite Canadian Championship.

The confrontational game featured four yellow cards, a dismissal and one trip to the hospital in the first half.

Toronto defender Ty Harden was taken to hospital after suffering a serious cut to his leg that one team official said was "down to the bone." Montreal forward Roberto Brown was sent off for throwing a punch and a handful of players on both sides were called for lesser offences.

Toronto won the event — a three-team round-robin tournament that also includes the Vancouver Whitecaps — with a 6-1 in Montreal last year.

But there have been signs of increasing anxiety and dissatisfaction within TFC's passionate fan base this season, evidenced again last night by the empty seats among the announced crowd of 21,436 at BMO Field.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

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Montreal 2 Washington 1

NBA PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee at Atlanta
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BASEBALL

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Loyalty & Rewards

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Why joining a rewards program makes sense – and dollars

You may have noticed that there are more and more loyalty programs popping up—in supermarkets, at banks and retail stores, and even at your local cinema. You don't want a wallet full of plastic—so how do you choose which programs are best for you?

The first thing to look for is the way in which you can earn points. Is the product or service something you're going to invest in on a regular basis?

If you go to the movies a lot, an entertainment rewards card might be worth looking into. Or if you're a department store denizen, see what programs they have to offer. And don't forget to check your financial institution to see if they offer rewards-based credit cards.

Next, take a look at bonus offerings, such as partner merchants or companies that offer special discounts if you're a cardholder. The more places you can use the card, the better. Re-

wards programs are expanding their partnerships all the time so, if one doesn't appeal to you at first, check back in a while to see if they've added new partner perks.

Finally, it's important to know how you can redeem the rewards you've earned. Many loyalty programs have tailored their rewards to the way in which you earned points: Store cards might offer credit towards future purchases at their location, entertainment

cards may allow you to redeem points for movies and music, or credit card rewards could even let you pay down your line of credit. Some even offer rewards you may not expect!

Whatever programs you choose, don't be afraid to use them. Keep your cards handy and use them whenever you can—even online if possible. After all, the rewards are there for the taking—so get earning!

By Lori Dance

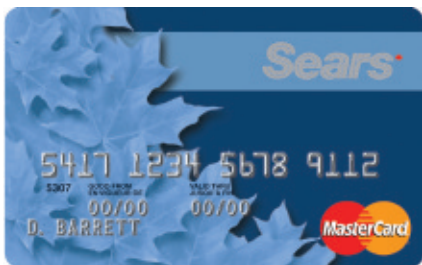
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Is there anything else we need to know? "Our program is also very flexible," says Kalen. "Customers can redeem their points towards virtually anything at

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Visa Business Avion	1	\$1
RBC Rewards Visa Gold	1	\$2
Visa CreditLine for small business	1	\$2
Visa U.S. Dollar Gold	1	\$1 (US)

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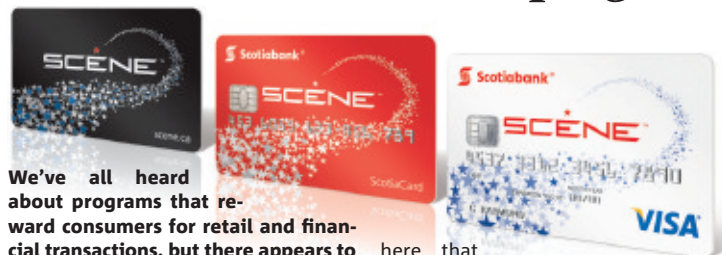
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SCENE GETS TO THE POINT

A closer look at a fast-growing entertainment rewards program



We've all heard about programs that reward consumers for retail and financial transactions, but there appears to be a new kid on the block: Entertainment rewards.

We sat down with Shawn Bloom, General Manager of SCENE, to get an insight into what makes the SCENE program so attractive.

"SCENE is committed to delivering unique entertainment reward opportunities to its members," Shawn explains. "Unlike other loyalty and rewards programs where people have to save up for months, even years, to get great rewards, nearly 2.5 million SCENE members earn amazing rewards – fast, starting at just 1,000 points."

But how did they come up with the idea of rewarding customers for seeing movies? "After Cineplex acquired Famous Players from Viacom," Shawn continues, "Cineplex and Scotiabank began having conversations about a number of joint marketing opportunities. Eventually, Scotiabank suggested that there may be something bigger

here that could work for both organizations."

The free-to-join SCENE program covers three card offerings: SCENE card (regular), SCENE ScotiaCard (debit), and SCENE Visa card (credit). SCENE debit and credit cards allow consumers to earn rewards not only on Cineplex movie tickets, but also on everyday purchases. Launched in 2007, the program has amassed nearly a whopping 2.5 million members since its inception.

So what's on the horizon for SCENE members? "SCENE is constantly expanding to offer more places to earn points and bigger and better rewards for entertainment lovers," Shawn explains. "Although free movies and concession discounts are the foundation of the program, we know our members also love dining out, music, concerts and other entertainment activities—so we're focused on delivering more of the entertainment benefits they love."



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Metro Homes

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The Annex in history

Originally a stretch of land for wealthy Torontonians in the late 1800s before most of them moved to Forest Hill and Rosedale, the Annex saw an influx of Hungarian immigrants in the late 1950s and today is a melting pot of people who love variety.

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Honest Ed's, at the corner of Bathurst and Bloor, is kitty corner to the border of The Annex, and thus a fixture of the neighbourhood.

Annex is outstanding

The Annex Spaces & Places

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Revvig with youthful energy and revelling in an exciting mix of cultures and demographics, the Annex is where downtown hip meets uptown lifestyle.

The loosely defined area — running from Bloor West to Dupont Street between Bathurst Street and Avenue Road — has a long history as one of Toronto's most well-known residential neighbourhoods.

Average property value: \$641,292 **Rent:** \$1,134.

Homes you'll see: Large Edwardian and Victorian multi-storey homes built between the late 1800s and early 1900s abound, many of them split into multiple-unit rentals.

Bargain spot: You'll have to move west and north towards Ossington Avenue to find slightly better deals as there isn't really a substantially cheaper housing area.

Notable locations: The University of Toronto is a big draw. The Bata Shoe Museum (327 Bloor St. W.) is much cooler than you'd think: where else can you check out Marilyn Monroe's pumps next to Sir Elton John's famous platforms?

Hot spots: Old standby Sushi on Bloor (515 Bloor St. W.) still brings in the

crowds and for good reason: Great, fresh sushi that's still cheap as all heck. Movie buffs flock to Queen Video (480 Bloor St. W.), the Annex chapter of the legendary Queen St. W. store that makes Blockbuster look like a flea market. Suspect Video (605 Markham St.) is outstanding as well. For pubs, try The James Joyce Pub (386 Bloor St. W.).

Education: Huron St. Junior PS (541 Huron St.), University of Toronto Schools (UTS, 371 Bloor St. W.), Royal St. George's College (120 Howland Ave.), Taddle Creek Montessori School (39 Spadina Ave.)

Condos & developments: Schoolhouse by Empire Communities (391 Brunswick Ave.), U Condo-

miniums (Bay & St. Joseph), One Bedford at Bloor (Bedford & Bloor), Exhibit Residences (Avenue & Bloor), Museum House (206 Bloor St. W.), Madison Avenue Lofts (Avenue & Davenport)

Getting around: Subway access to the Bloor-Danforth line at Bathurst, Spadina, St. George and Bay stations and the Yonge-University-Spadina line at Dupont Station.

Final word: With a desirable housing market and outstanding dining and shopping options, there are plenty of reasons to want to live here and plenty more to visit even if you don't. One of Toronto's truly iconic neighbourhoods, the Annex doesn't ever disappoint.

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Legend

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- 10: U Condominiums
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Downsizing decor from house to condo

DecorMoment

With the real estate market booming and people trading in their large homes and downsizing to condos, I thought the spring would be a good time to pass on a few design rules regarding downsizing. It can be hard giving up everything in a big house and moving to a smaller space, but you don't have to give up your style or comforts just because you are giving up a large place for a small one.

You can't take it all!

Moving from a large home to a smaller sized space means you can't take everything with you. Consider re-purposing many of your favorite furniture pieces: The china cabinet can now be used as a bookcase in the living or den; a wing-back chair from the family room can be slipcovered and used in the corner of the bedroom; and of course artwork, rugs and mirrors can be re-used in different areas of your new home.

Size matters!

Here is a list of a few key pieces that will make a small space live larger: Expandable dining table; on a daily basis they sit four and when extended family or friends visit they can seat six to 10. Condo-sized sofa; usually around six feet long, its slightly smaller than a regular sofa, but longer than a love seat so that three people can sit comfortably. Remember that a skirted sofa will visually look heavier than one with an exposed leg and

that foam cushions offer more support than feather cushions. Parson-style dining chairs; these upholstered chairs are practical for dining and then are easily moved into the living room as a comfy chair. I suggest purchasing them in sets of at least eight; slipcover a few of them and use them in spare bedrooms or home offices. A good place to start is casalife.com; they specialize in small space furniture.

How to decorate:

Choose a neutral colour

that you like in your existing furnishings and use it when purchasing new, updated pieces. Don't be afraid to mix styles; a queen anne style china cabinet and dining table can look fantastic with new modern chairs and a traditional four poster bed can look great with modern side tables and lamps. Only bring scale and size appropriate furnishings. Consider clean-lined window treatments rather than traditional draperies in your new space. Moving to a smaller



space is the perfect time to update your audio and visual equipment; replace the large boxy with a streamlined plasma and replace the mammoth floor speakers with wall and ceiling mount ones.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home, no matter what your budget or style.

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Small town in The Big Smoke

The Annex
Spaces & Places
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"We totally stumbled into this area but it kept us here because we love it so much," beams graphic designer/Annex resident Dee Loft. "The streets are gorgeous, the architecture is beautiful, there are students everywhere ... it's just a great vibe."

Sometimes the most enduring, meaningful relationships are those we come across unexpectedly, as Loft's experience with the Annex asserts. Initially moving into the area out of convenience — three subway stops and vicinity to school — she and her husband have called the community home for seven years.

One of Toronto's most diverse yet laid-back neighbourhoods, the Annex prides itself on a wealth of established trades operating in century buildings, creating a virtual small-town aura in the confines of The Big Smoke. Proponents for independence, the Lofts frequent the district's ample small businesses,



"When I'm there, I totally forget that I live in a big city sometimes." Annex resident Dee Loft on the garden pictured above (next to The Madison Pub)

mourning those that have been taken over by chains. "The area has always had a casual feel to it that I hope it can keep thanks to some of the Mom 'n' Pop stores. There was an air around some places that they were grungy but good and that's lost to the higher-end shops/restaurants replacing them," she says.

Boasting a variety of commerce and entertainment, the Annex is a melting pot for everyone from students to seniors.

A young professional herself, Loft points out some of her haunts, including Lee's Palace as her preferred live music venue, while shop-

ping for records at Sonic Boom reveals both a huge selection and a friendly, knowledgeable staff.

"Not only that but with the great selection of vinyl and shows they have in the basement, it's great," Loft smiles, noting that her favourite shopping memory actually involves getting lost in the labyrinthine Honest Ed's bargain shop. "I had to call my mother who was like, 'Good luck with that,'" she laughs.

With everything from inexpensive bites to fine dining, Loft notes that the Annex serves a variety of palates.

Pointing out the dichoto-

mous, she mentions Sarah's Falafel as the quick counterpart to recently-founded Hey Lucy's more luxurious experience. Still, the couple finds Acme Burger's decadence and prices most alluring.

For drinks, Loft notes that despite being tucked away in a back alley The Green Room is a enjoyably off-the-beaten-path bar/eatery. Still, despite its array of diversions and focus on local support, to Loft, the Annex's single most endearing aspect is its greenery.

"There are parks and schools everywhere with huge, hundred year-old maple trees. You've also got



Some of Annex resident Dee Loft's, lower left, favourite haunts include Sonic Boom for records, top, Lee's Palace for live music, mid-left, the Green Room for drinks, mid-right, and Acme Burger for food.

U of T here, which brings in students and musicians, particularly at the corner of Bloor and Spadina where they play. But my favourite spot is this little side-street community garden (on Madison Avenue just north

of Bloor). I stop there on my way home from work every day. It's so gorgeous because the canopies block out everything. When I'm there, I totally forget that I live in a big city sometimes."

How to bask, not burn, in the backyard sun

Backyard lounging, barbecuing and socializing sounds like fun, right? But not when you're broiling under the sizzling summertime sun.

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There are numerous ways to increase the shade in your yard, planting trees on the western or southern exposures is a good place to start.

- Choose deciduous and/or coniferous trees, depending on your needs. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the wintertime, allowing sunlight and

If money is an object...

- To keep the out of the sun, your least expensive option is an umbrella, which will keep your dining area shady, for fam-

ily dining al fresco. A canopy or a series of canopies will increase the shaded area, for entertaining or for purposes.

warmth to penetrate. Coniferous trees do not lose their needles, providing privacy and shelter from winds on a year-round basis.

- Consider planting larger trees, so you can enjoy

the benefits sooner.

- If you're handy, erect a pergola or a wooden arbour, consisting of a couple of support beams and cross-beams running from your home to the support pieces.

A pergola is an open structure that provides partial shade, and it allows you the flexibility of draping material, or training vines or vegetation to grow over it.

- Awnings can be used over windows to reduce heat and light entering your home.

- If you have a large yard, you may want to build a gazebo (open, roofed structure) away from the house.

- If you have a porch with

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This contemporary three-piece bistro set from Canadian Tire is a chic way to dress up any patio or balcony. It's great for early morning coffee in the summer or a romantic dinner at sunset.

"Two folding sling chairs and sturdy frame make storing easy during the

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**Nice
three-piece**

winter months," says Radha Bhargava, spokesperson for Canadian Tire.

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Adding a brand new barbecue to your patio is the perfect way to kick off summer for family and guests. The Broil King BBQ from Sears has 400 square inches of cooking surface and 235 square inches for its warming rack to make sure there's enough room for everyone's steak. It also has a stainless steel Flav-R-Wave cooking system, which instantly vapourizes drip-

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**Brand-new
BBQ**

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Homes in
Style

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Every room needs a knick-knack or two.

These personal little decor touches can be whimsical and cute, creative and functional, comprising a collection or a treasured find, or perhaps a cultural relic carrying memories of time abroad.

Whether it be prized possessions lining grandma's mantel or a design-conscious decor element or showpiece in the living room, the power of the knick-knack is enormous, says Dana Jordan, owner of her namesake gift and decor shop in Toronto.

"They are the icing on the cake," says Jordan. "A room is a room is a room. However, decorative objects make the bland room come to life. They add instant character and personalize an area."

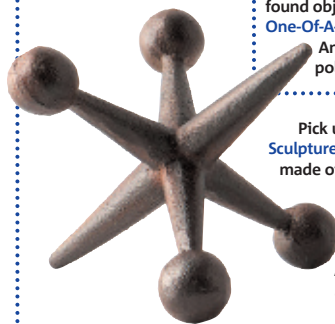
With designer tsotchkes — perhaps an oxymoron,

as the word "tsotchke" can imply cheaply made or kitschy items, like the trinkets sold outside of tourist attractions — it's not just about the esthetics of these little objects d'art but also the emotion they elicit.

One's knick-knacks can say a lot about a person, Jordan says: "Their likes ... what makes them smile, what makes them tick."

"Decorative objects run the gamut from pure objects d'art that simply please the eye to objects that marry beauty — which is always in the eye of the beholder — with function," she says.

Jordan notes many high-end brands are designing stunning practical gadgets, with the Alessi brand a prime example. Created by architects and industrial designers, Alessi's everyday objects are indeed outstanding enough to be housed in the Museum of Modern Art, she says.



Artist Amy Flynn searched the world far and wide, gathering bits and pieces — a candy tin, tea infusers, hydraulic fittings — to create this found object automaton called the *One-Of-A-Kind Fobot, Gwendolyn*.

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Green builders vie for industry honours

Rooftop Surfing

Stephen Dupuis

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Although I tend to shy away from shout-outs to individual builders, I'm going to make an exception for the finalists for this year's Green Builder of the Year awards to be presented by BILD tomorrow.

Our association established the Green Builder of the Year awards in 2007 to recognize the high- and low-rise builders who were leading the way for the rest of the industry. This year's high-rise finalists are Liberty Developments, Tridel and the Urban Capital Group.

Liberty Developments has completely embraced

the Provincial Places to Grow legislation by specializing in large-scale, mixed-used development and redevelopment schemes along transit corridors. In fact, last year, Liberty won the Association's Places to Grow Community of the Year Award (for a project appropriately named Eko) and is a finalist again this year or World on Yonge. Not surprisingly, Liberty is a finalist in the Green Builder of the Year category as well.

The inaugural winner of the high-rise Green Builder of the Year award was Tridel, who repeated in 2008, was a very close finalist in 2009 and is back in the running in 2010. Tridel is a company that absolutely gets it when it comes to green building, not to mention quality and service.

Urban Capital is marketing the first buildings in the Toronto waterfront redevelopment area. The River City development is tar-

geting LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification and going one step beyond by pursuing carbon neutrality in the construction process. If they fall short, Urban Capital will offset the difference to ensure Canada's first completely carbon neutral development.

On the low-rise side of the equation, the finalists this year include Durham Custom Homes, Empire Communities, Mason Homes (the inaugural award winner in 2007) and Rodeo Fine Homes.

I'll be sure to let you know who came out on top of the Green Builder of the Year awards.

In the meantime, if you'd like to know who's up for the awards in all the other categories, please visit bildawards.com.

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Garrison warmer, more natural

Suite Talk

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Wood, in all its glory and

variety, gives life to the model suite at Garrison at the Yards.

Designer Dan Menchions took the compact model suite at the development, located at Fort York Boulevard and Bathurst Street, and created a look that combines the natural beau-

ty of different woods with modern touches that meld classic with contemporary.

A variety of gorgeous, natural woods are left mostly unadulterated in elements like the two-tone wood barstools and the large coffee table made from reclaimed wood. The

goal is to take the sterility out of the modern condo design and inject a sense of life back in.

"We did a really eclectic mix of species of woods and you'll see elements of an industrial look throughout — we're really playing to the heritage of the

neighbourhood. Sterile environments are becoming something of the past, people are wanting warmer environments," Menchions said.

Modern innovation still finds its place in the suite with the use of great-looking yet durable laminate flooring and Caesarstone quartz countertops. Menchions utilized classic lines and elements like the retro-inspired lamps above the breakfast bar to create a look that harkens back to historic themes while still staying modern.

"There are references back to something in the past but brought up to a current look," Menchions said.

Despite the economy of space in the model suite, Menchions didn't go the oft-treaded route of slapping in shrunken, conformed furnishings instead

The lowdown

- Garrison at the Yards
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- Website: theyards.ca
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using real, full-sized furniture to highlight how the suite can fit a modern lifestyle without compromising comfort. Instead, a little ingenuity went a long way — case in point: The two sofas are actually comprised of four single lounge chairs placed together.

"It's a small space so we're trying to give people the opportunity to visualize themselves in it. There's no smoke and mirrors here, I want people to know when they walk in that their stuff will fit," Menchions said.

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Style

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Jewelry by Trump

Even the rich and famous enjoy a bargain. Forty-year-old model Melania Trump (wife of Donald) is launching line of affordable jewelry on QVC. Each item in the Melania Timepieces & Jewelry collection costs less than \$200. The line is broken up into three categories inspired by places Trump calls home: New York, Palm Beach and Paris. The New York items are created with a businesswoman in mind; Palm Beach is more sporty, and Paris is more flashy and glamorous.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jumper to it

The one-piece is back and versatile as ever

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada

The last time you wore one your hair was probably in pigtails, you had at least four missing teeth, and your family computer was the size of a small refrigerator.

Yes, we're talking jumpers. They're here, they're everywhere, and they're a more versatile alternative to the sundress. For tips on how to wear this one-piece staple and make sure you look sexy — not six — we turned to a pair of fashion experts.

CityLine style expert Lynn Spence happens to believe the jumper revival is a good thing. "Think of the things you can do with it," she says. "It's sort of a modified dress, but it doesn't feel like a dress so you don't feel so formal."

Spence suggests sticking to jumpers in

darker, more neutral colours, like charcoal or black, and avoiding anything too feminine or lady-like. "First of all, wearing them with a delicate heel is a mistake," she says. "I would see them with a knee-length boot, or a chunky heel instead. (Also) you can't do a perfect little bag; instead try a messenger bag that goes from shoulder to hip, or something fun like a faux python skin bag."

Because jumpers are such a strong piece, accessories can often make — or break — your entire look. That's why Spence recommends going bigger and better when it comes to your jewelry. "You can do

great strong silver and gold chain link accessories, big crosses, that kind of thing," she says. "And you can make it a bit pretty by pairing a chiffon blouse with a fabulous leather jacket."

As for choosing the right jumper for your body type, one size most certainly does not fit all. Spence advises sticking to an a-line cut if you're heavier on the bottom, and staying away from jumpers that skim the body unless you're narrow hiped.

Janine Furtado, marketing and press co-ordinator at French Connection, says her favourite thing about jumpers is the ability to go from day to night with a few simple change ups. "It's an essential piece because you can do so much with it, especially when you have a classic black jumper," she says. "Take it from the beach with a great pink straw hat and simple flats, then swap it with a necklace and some heels and you can easily go from day to night."

Whatever your personal style preference, you should be able to slip into a slinky jumper and still look like you graduated from junior high. That's why Spence is happy to see so many young celebrities like actress Eliza Cuthbert and singer Rihanna decked out in an array of one-piece wonders. "I think the moment you see them photographed on a woman, or you see them on TV and you see how amazing they look, streamlining them will make any woman feel more comfortable with them."

Because jumpers are such a strong piece, accessories can make or make your outfit. For an on-trend look, try pairing it with a chunky heel and messenger bag. Pictured: Halter jumpsuit with drawstring hem, \$69.99, Winners.



Printed jumper, \$158, French Connection



Denim one piece, \$39.99, Winners



Theory jumper, \$340, available at Holt Renfrew (Bloor Street and Yorkdale)



Beaded jumper, \$148, French Connection

Jumper rules

Lynn Spence's jumper cheat sheet:

- Avoid anything too delicate or feminine
- Try big, chunky jewelry
- Stick with dark, neutral colours
- For a chic, breezy summer look, pair a jumper with a simple white T-shirt
- To dress it up, try a chiffon blouse, or a three-quarter length sleeve under a leather jacket

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Dresses going the distance

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From the runways to your favorite mass market retailers, the maxi dress has returned in a big way.

The trend first surfaced in a Chloé show last year and has spread practically everywhere from the autumn/winter 2010 shows to the high street where you can find affordable versions in shops like Zara and Mango.

The good news is that most of these '70s inspired floor-sweeping beauties are easier to wear. A long, full, breezy skirt is a lot more appealing in summertime than a pair of gut-sucking, cigarette trousers. Oh and by the way, trousers have gone wider for spring and summer too. But we digress. Here's a look at how the '70s came back on the runway and trickled down to stores.

As evidenced in the spring collections of Chloé (right), Etro (far right) and Yves Saint Laurent (below) and many others, the maxi dress comes hand-in-hand with a subtle '70s undercurrent that is starting to run through fashion right now.



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Many men get a bad rap when it comes to dressing.

But, you don't need to be a fashion expert to look like one. Russell Smith, author of *Men's Style: The Thinking Man's Guide to Dress*, and the new novel *Girl Crazy*, shares the five worst fashion crimes committed by men.

1. Advertising Logos

"Generally, wearing any clothing that advertises the maker of that brand of clothing is something that one should be paid to do," says Smith, who includes sports team logos in this category as well. "Wearing athletic clothing outside of sporting events just makes you look immature."

2. Inappropriate Footwear

"The number one error men make is choosing the



If you're thinking of rocking a sophisticated summer look like Brad Pitt in his cream-coloured suit and matching fedora, don't forget to remove your hat when entering a restaurant, warns fashion expert and author Russell Smith.

wrong shoes for their outfit," explains Smith. Shoes should always be good quality, clean and interesting. On Smith's banned

list: Doc Martens, hiking boots worn outside of a hiking trail and Tivas. "The worst mistake I see is guys wearing cheap shoes with

suits," adds Smith.

3. Wearing Hats in Restaurants

"You should never wear a hat of any kind in a restaurant," says Smith. "I don't care how cool you think your toque is, or how cool you think your ball cap is, or if you're bald." It's just bad manners and other people will judge you as juvenile.

4. Cheap Winter Coats

Every man needs a proper wool winter coat, says Smith. "It looks very wrong to see a man in a suit wearing a parka, particularly a parka that's shorter than the suit jacket," he adds. Bright, puffy, gortex coats are not appropriate with suits.

5. Knapsacks

Wearing your university knapsack with a suit to the office is a tell-tale sign of immaturity, says Smith. "You want to invest in a good over-the-shoulder briefcase-style bag," he explains.

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Shopping Around Still The Key To Saving On Car Insurance

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If you're like most consumers, you worry that switching insurance companies means losing your "loyalty discount". The truth is that switching insurance companies may cause you to lose your loyalty discount (if you had one in the first place), but that doesn't necessarily mean you'll pay more for car insurance or that you can't save a bundle in the end. The fact is, some insurance companies may provide a small discount on your premium if you've been with them for a long time – but that small discount can quickly become irrelevant if another company has a rate for you that is significantly less than what you're currently paying. After all, what good is 5% off of an annual rate of \$1,500 (a \$75 savings) if you could pay \$1,100 (a \$400 savings) with another company?

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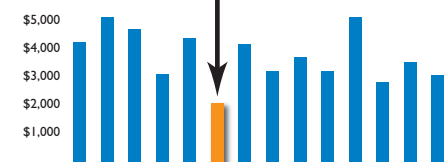
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Conan dishes to 60 Minutes

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Damon child

Matt Damon and his wife Luciana are set to welcome a fourth child to the family. Luciana, 34, is due in the fall. "Everybody's really happy," a rep for Damon, 39, says.

PEOPLE.COM

Hole finds old Love

Hole

Album: *Nobody's Daughter*

Label: Universal

Rating: ●●●●

IT'S HARD TO

remember, but Courtney Love used to be a pretty good singer. She's more known for her unseemly antics these days, but in the mid-'90s she was one of grunge's more formidable songwriters. On her first record in 12 years, Kurt Cobain's widow amazingly taps into the Love of old. It's not as Nirvana-like anymore, but her throaty yell and druggy rock is mostly still in tact. It's hard not to pity Love —



when she sings "I'm overwhelmed and undersexed ... I'm too upset to show my face" you know the words really are coming from a haunted place in her soul.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Hannah Georgas

Album: *This Is Good*

Label: Hidden Pony

Rating: ●●●●½

BANG BANG

YOUR Dead is one of those perfect little songs that'll be hitting your radio real soon — if it hasn't already. It's about nasty school girl gossip and betrayal. With a hip dance club beat and a



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saucy lyric that will appeal to all ages, it's hard to imagine not becoming a major hit. And Hannah Georgas' debut LP contains three or four more original tracks that could easily follow, each one showing that you don't have to dumb down the music to be popular. Comparisons have already been made to Serena Ryder, Emily Haines and Feist, which just goes to show this Vancouver singer-songwriter's amazing versatility. This is not just "good," it's an excellent debut.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

B.o.B.

Album: *The Adventures of Bobby Ray*

Label: Grand Hustle/Atlantic

Rating: ●●●½

ON HIS DEBUT

album, North Carolina's Bobby Ray Simmons (a.k.a. B.o.B.) uses a mixtape format that diversifies track after track. His steez is fresh and fun, rapping about a girl who pays her taxes over R&B on Nothin' On You, bringing together both Paramore's Hayley Williams and Eminem for Airplanes, Part II and sampling Vampire Weekend with Janelle Monae on The Kids. B.o.B. does occasion-



Nobody's Daughter is the first new album from Hole in 12 years.

ally falter, trying to get high with label boss T.I. on Bet I and looking foolish as a balladeer on Lovelier Than You. But like Kanye and Kid Cudi before him, his boredom with simply being a hip-hop artist is an asset that should give us

many more adventures as enjoyable as this one.

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Bobby Brown is not dead, despite a rash of Internet speculation to the contrary. Reports of the New Edition singer's death began circulating late Tuesday on Twitter, although its unclear where the false story originated. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Not dead yet

Mellowing out with MGMT

Band switches gears following breakthrough success of debut

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada



Not everyone is suited for fame. Just ask MGMT.

Having sold more than a million copies of their 2008 breakthrough album, *Oracular Spectacular*, and found an unlikely mainstream audience, Andrew VanWyngarden and Ben Goldwasser became overwhelmed by it all.

"Ben and I are really kind of quiet," explains VanWyngarden. "We like mellow times. We've had a lot of fun, but we definitely weren't prepared for that, we didn't know what was going to happen."

After all the Grammy nominations, album of the year honours and bona fide commercial radio hits,

MGMT did the only thing they could — they wrote about it.

Over the phone en route to Coachella, VanWyngarden makes the new MGMT album, *Congratulations*, sound as though it was written as a stress reliever.

"A lot of this new album is expressing that feeling of being overwhelmed and frustrated to the point where the media is portraying you in ways you don't want to be portrayed and you can't do anything about it," he says.

Congratulations, it's safe to say, is not the album most people were expecting from MGMT. Co-produced by their mutual hero Pete "Sonic Boom" Dinklage (Spectrum, ex-Spacemen 3), the album's whimsical forays into British folk, psy-



Congratulations's whimsical forays into British folk, psychedelia and prog rock have almost entirely replaced the hooky, electro-glam-pop of MGMT's breakthrough debut, *Oracular Spectacular*.

chedelia and prog rock have almost entirely replaced the hooky, electro-glam-pop of their debut.

VanWyngarden and Goldwasser have spoken out about how it was written as a full-length album

without any anthems like *Kids and Time To Pretend* in mind.

But VanWyngarden is also quick to say that *Oracular Spectacular* is "still very much a part of them." He just feels *Congratulations*

is a better representation of where MGMT's creative interests currently lie.

"I think we were always bigger fans of weird psychedelic and folk music," he explains. "I don't think this is the ultimate album

In Concert

• MGMT performs tonight at the Mod Club in Toronto.

or our big statement. It just reflects who we are and what we were listening to last year. The next record we make will probably be very different from this one."

For the time being though, VanWyngarden is unfortunately still trying to convince some naysayers that *Congratulations* was completely intentional. "This album is more sweet, pretty pop music to us, so we don't really get why people accuse us of career suicide," he says with slight frustration.

"I don't think our album is too weird to be popular on a mass level. We're really happy with it. I like that we (were) in a heated chart battle with Justin Bieber."

New film goes backstage with Rush

KAREN BLISS
for Metro Canada



"What kind of band is Rush?" Gene Simmons asks in the documentary, *Rush: Beyond The Lighted Stage*. "It's Rush."

The progressive rock trio and subject of Sam Dunn and Scot McFadyen's latest film — which screens at Hot Docs tonight at the Winter Garden Theatre and tomorrow at the Isabel Bader Theatre — is in a category all its own.

The Toronto band, comprised of lead vocalist/bassist/key-boardist Geddy Lee, guitarist Alex Lifeson and drummer Neil Peart, has been around more than 40 years, sold more than 40

million albums and ranks only behind The Beatles and The Rolling Stones in terms of consecutive gold or platinum certifications.

Known for their sick musicianship and cerebral lyrics, their fans are insanely loyal. Counted among them are Nine Inch Nails' Trent Reznor, Foo Fighters' Taylor Hawkins, Jack Black, Sebastian Bach, Metallica's Kirk Hammett, Smashing Pumpkins Billy Corgan, and others, all of whom gladly spoke of their admiration in the film, quoting lyrics and musical passages and Rush's profound influence on them.

"This film was different than anything else we've

done before in that it's a history of a particular band — and we chose a band with a really long history," laughs Dunn, a noted "heavy metal anthropologist" whose previous docs with McFadyen have explored the genre on a worldwide scale: 2005's *Metal: A Headbangers Journey*; 2008's *Global Metal*; and the recent Juno Award-winning *Iron Maiden: Flight 666* — covering the English band's 23-show, five-continent, 45-day 2008 tour.

"I think the greatest challenge for us from a creative perspective was, first of all, to say what are we going to cover or how are we going to cover this

band? and then try and find a way to integrate the different themes about the band that we were interested in — things like musicianship and the fan-base and the fashion, or lack thereof (laughs)."

Uncovering amazing archival footage, such as a teenage Lifeson talking about quitting high school to a radio interview with original drummer John Rutsey, not to mention heaps of old photos and flyers, *Rush: Beyond The Lighted Stage* not only traces the complete history of the band, including musical missteps and personal trauma, but naturally reveals what's at the core of their longevity — friendship, communication, humour and respect.



Rush: Beyond The Lighted Stage not only traces the history of the band, but also reveals what's at the core of their longevity — friendship, communication, humour and respect.

It's a story bigger than Rush, bigger than just a determined little rock band that became huge.

"We knew that we probably could've stopped editing nine months ago if we were going to just make it interesting to fans," says

McFadyen, "but there was something in their story, especially Geddy and Alex, growing up in the suburbs of Toronto and being first generation Canadians. One of the big reasons for making this film was to tell that story."



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Ring in the 3-D

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Jackie Earle Haley follows in the footsteps of Robert Englund in *Nightmare on Elm Street*.

Some kind of monster

Haley revives Freddy Krueger in *Nightmare* reboot

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Despite what his recent roles might suggest, Jackie Earle Haley is a very nice guy.

Since his career-reviving role as a child molester in *Little Children*, he's skulked the big screen as a misanthropic vigilante in *Watchmen* and mental patient in *Shutter Island*. Now he's taking over for Robert Englund as iconic horror villain Freddy Krueger in the new *Nightmare on Elm Street* reboot. But really, he's a nice guy.

"I think it's probably my physicality," Haley tells Metro as to why he keeps ending up in these sorts of roles.

"I also am drawn to characters that are kind of zingy. I don't have a lot of interest to show up in stuff

where the character's just kind of laying flat, just kind of there. I like stuff that's got kind of a real interesting arc."

While exploring Freddy Krueger's arc, Haley soon realized it wasn't like any other character he'd played.

"In my research, I started to go down this road of really looking at and getting serious about it," he says. That research included studying an encyclopedia of serial killers given to him by director Samuel Bayer.

"But then I realized, I'm playing a boogie man! I'm playing a mythical boogie man, a monster," Haley recalls. "I need to embrace that monster and embrace it inside this genre. It was incredibly freeing."

"The thing about him is he's not real. It's fiction," he says. "I embraced the fact that this guy is that character in a campfire story. For some reason we like to sit around in the dark around the campfire when you're out in the woods and stuff and hold the flashlight up to your face and giggle while we try to scare each other."

That's what makes this genre fun. Less fun was the idea of taking over for Englund, who played Krueger in eight films and one television series.

"He is synonymous with Freddy. You mention the word, we conjure that up," Haley says. "For me it's not a competition. You can't compete with Robert. You just do your best and accept being

"I am drawn to characters that are kind of zingy."

Jackie Earle Haley

second-place Freddy."

Of course, taking on the role also included more practical challenges, like the six-hour sessions in the makeup chair to capture Freddy's frightening countenance.

"You just kind of sit there. There's not a lot to do," Haley says of the morning ritual. "You can't move much, not at all. I can't read because I don't have glasses. If I had really good eyesight, I could probably. It's a lot of just sitting there zoning, learning how to meditate."

But, he wants to make it clear, he is not complaining.

Bullock adopting, files for divorce

INTERVIEW Sandra Bullock has filed for divorce from her husband, Jesse James, and is adopting a baby boy as a single parent.

"Yes, I have filed for divorce," the 45-year-old Oscar-winning actress said in an interview with *People* magazine, posted Wednesday on its website. "I'm sad and I am scared."

Bullock and James, 41, began the adoption process four years ago, the *People* article said, and brought 3 1/2-month-old Louis Bardo Bullock home in January but decided to keep the news to themselves until after the Academy Awards.

In the interview, Bullock said she is savouring her new maternal status.

"You wake up, you feed, you burp, you play, you do laundry," she said. "I'm still in that stage where I'm just amazed with him and at life."

The baby, called Louie, is named after jazz great Louis Armstrong, who had particularly touched Bullock with his signature song, *What a Wonderful World*, she said.

The child was born in New Orleans, a city where Bullock and James had both spent time after Katrina.

Bullock said she and James sought to pull no strings as they submitted to the typically time-consuming screening process, with no thoughts to the gender or background of the child they might receive.

Bullock said she got the call that a baby might be available for adoption during what she described as "the media craziness of the



Sandra Bullock adopted a baby boy in January.

awards season." Deciding to shield Louis from that turmoil, she kept his existence hidden from all but a few trusted associates and loved ones.

"Just the doctors' visits were filled with decoys and dark cars," she said. "People that I had worked with for years couldn't understand why I wouldn't let them in to my house for (Oscar ceremony gown) fittings."

James and Bullock separated in March after five years of marriage, following reports that James had been unfaithful.

Bullock won the Oscar for her role in the blockbuster hit *The Blind Side*, on March 7. Within days of her win, the cheating allegations became public and Bullock went into seclusion.

When asked about whether James had cheated, Bullock said she "had no idea about anything."

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Don't push his mom around

Justin Bieber is asking his leagues of zealous teenage fans to show a little restraint after his mother was knocked down as they arrived in New Zealand on Tuesday night.

The 16-year-old Canadian singer tweeted his two million-plus fans Wednesday: "Finally got to New Zealand last night. The airport was crazy. Not happy that someone stole my hat and knocked down my mama. Come on people."

The star's mother, Pattie Mallette, tweeted that she was "OK" after being pushed over by rampaging fans at Auckland Airport. "Thanks for all ur support!! I'm ok thank you!!!" she wrote.

It was his mother's posting of videos of Bieber singing on YouTube that first caught the attention of the music industry. His song Baby became a top-ten hit on iTunes earlier this year, and his popularity has grown to teen idol status.

Before arriving at the airport, the singer had told fans that he wanted to sign autographs and have pic-



Fans at the Auckland Airport in New Zealand swarmed Justin Bieber, knocking over his mother and stealing his hat.

tures taken. But police and security had to shut the opportunity down because fans were pushing.

The frenzy followed similar scenes in Sydney, Australia, earlier in the week, where police cancelled a Bieber concert after surging crowds crushed some fans. The most serious injury was a fractured kneecap.

A similar situation occurred at a mall in Long Island, N.Y., in November. Bieber's free concert was cancelled at the 11th hour when hundreds of fans stampeded after a reported sighting of the teen star.

In New Zealand, a mob of mainly teen girls screamed their welcome and swarmed toward Bieber at the airport. Escorted by security, police and minders, Bieber quickly left the airport out a side door.

A waiting black SUV whisked him away, leaving some fans sobbing with disappointment.

After Bieber's departure, teen Tory Shaffett said she was having trouble breathing.

"Oh my god, he was so amazing and beautiful. I can't believe I saw him," she told reporters.

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How to Be

Before that vampire thing, "Twilight" hottie Robert Pattinson took a more pedestrian route to eternal youth — living with the parents and working a dead-end job — in this 2008 comedy. His character, Arthur, is a frustrated musician who's been dumped by his girlfriend. He discovers a self-help book that speaks to him, so he invites the author (Powell Jones) to move in and be his full-time life coach. Rebecca Pidgeon also stars. 9 PM on M1



The Terminator

The sequels had fancier special effects, but you gotta love the 1984 original. Arnold Schwarzenegger, best known at the time for two "Conan" movies, shed his barbarian's robes for a high-tech getup, a signature catchphrase and a ticket to superstardom. He plays a cyborg sent back in time to prevent the birth of a revolutionary leader by killing his mom (Linda Hamilton). Her only hope is Kyle (Michael Biehn), who's also from the future but is all human. 7 PM on PIX

In brief

TV Oscar-nominated actress Gabourey Sidibe and former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will appear on ABC's *The View* next week. The network announced Wednesday that Sidibe will mark her first time as guest co-host of *The View* next Tuesday. Then on May 7, Tyson will sit down with host Barbara Walters for the first time since her memorable interview with Tyson and then-wife Robin Givens in 1988 on ABC's 20/20.

REALITY Jake Pavelka got misty-eyed when he learned he was leaving *Dancing With the Stars* Tuesday. His eyes filled with tears as he thanked his professional partner, Chelsie Hightower. "You are one of my best friends," he told her. "I have loved every second of this. I love you."

FASHION NEWS A British coroner has ruled the death of fashion designer Alexander McQueen was a suicide, and said he hung himself after taking cocaine, sleeping pills and tranquilizers. Coroner Paul Knapman said Wednesday that McQueen was under pressure from work, "had a history of self-harm and, no doubt fuelled by cocaine, he resorted to desperate measures to end his life." The inquest was told the designer was also "overwhelmed with grief" at his mother's death days before. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Their logo and menu feel much more casual than they actually are. While they scream "family restaurant" the food and interior instead de-

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note casual fine dining.

The wire-bound menu is all over the place — fish, pasta, sandwiches, eggs, really anything and everything — and the wine list takes up a number of pages with many affordable selections by the glass.

The food is not only fresh and flavourful, but the portions are huge and prices are affordable. Bread and three Mediterranean dips are complimentary.

The Jumbo Shrimp Appetizer (\$11) is luscious. Plump, succulent lemon garlic shrimp are offset with grilled pointed toasts.

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IT'S LOVELY OUTSIDE Now that the weather seems to have warmed up, it's time to sit out on the patio. But which one? Allen's (143 Danforth Ave.) has a pretty, tree-laden back patio.

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In brief

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Rivers goes for the (late) jugular

Joan Rivers — who's famously had plastic surgery — supports Heidi Montag, who got 10 plastic surgery operations in a day. "I think she should have started sooner," she told usmagazine.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Celebrity Buzz

Brangelina wedding rumours abound

THE TABLOIDS FIGURE IF THEY KEEP WRITING ABOUT IT, THEY CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN. JUST LIKE IN THE SECRET Angelina Jolie reportedly asked Brad Pitt to marry her, female-first.co.uk reports.

The actress — who earlier this month was reported to be preparing to tie the knot with her long-term partner — is said to have decided it was time to make Brad her husband during the couple's stay in Venice, where Angelina

was shooting new movie *The Tourist*.

A source said: "Angelina has fallen in love with Brad all over again — and she wants to make it official by getting married. Once she made up her mind the only thing left to do was tell Brad."

Rumours are rife the ceremony will take place at Pitt's close friend George



Clooney's Italian villa on Lake Como and the pair's oldest four chil-

dren, Maddox, eight, Pax, six, Zahara, five, and three-year-old Shiloh, will have big roles on the special day.

Pitt's parents, Bill and Jane, are also said to be delighted at the news of the nuptials and are looking forward to seeing their son wed for the second time. His first wife was Jennifer Aniston.

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Are Rihanna and galpal more than just friends?

WOW, SHE'S SO EDGY Speculation is swirling that Rihanna is a lot closer to her assistant, Melissa Forde, than previously thought. The pair have been getting affectionate in public, showing up to an after-party in Frankfurt hand-in-hand, according to Bossip. And Rihanna and Forde reportedly have matching tattoos. Rihanna has previously said in an interview, "All humans are born with the ability to be attracted to both sexes. I mean, I could see myself in a relationship with a girl."



METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan's dad has 'poisoned' her career, says insider

DADDY DEAREST Lindsay Lohan's dad posted on Twitter that his famous daughter has HIV, though he quickly insisted his account was hacked. But industry insiders say it's just another example of how he is poisoning Lindsay's once-promising career.



"Michael Lohan has put the last nail into Lindsay's career. It's amazing to see a father destroy the last remains of his daughter's career," a casting director tells Popeater. "Lindsay is a great actress who has problems, but make no mistake, her biggest problem right now is her dad."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Courtney Love: I slept with pop star's hubby

EVEN MICHAEL LOHAN IS LIKE, 'WOW, I COULD NEVER SAY ANYTHING TO DAMAGE LINDSAY'S CAREER AS MUCH AS THAT'

Courtney Love claims she had an eight-month affair with Gavin Rossdale and that his wife, Gwen Stefani, knows about it. "He was such an Adonis in his day! He got good in bed," Love told

Howard Stern of her time with the former Bush front-man. "Something happened. Maybe Gwen taught him, for all I know." When Stern asked if this was when Rossdale and Stefani were already together, Love said, "Yes. She does know."



METRO WORLD NEWS

Clarkson blasts web pirates

AHOY THERE, MATEY. AT LEAST SOMEONE'S ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN YOUR MUSIC Trifle with unreleased Kelly Clarkson material at your own risk, EW.com reports. As noted by Idolator, the online leak of a track known as Cleopatra on Tuesday inspired not one but two furious Twitter messages from the star.

First: "Cleopatra is NOT a song on my next record! It was written for another artist! I have no idea how it leaked, it's a rough demo,



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unfinished!"

Then, minutes later, Clarkson added: "I'm so tired of disrespecting, lying, sneaky little trolls that pretend to be human."

Funny thing is, adds EW.com, is that Cleopatra is not bad at all. It's clear enough that it's an unfinished demo, and Idolator is quite right that it leans more toward hip-hop/dance-pop than anything Clarkson has done in years.

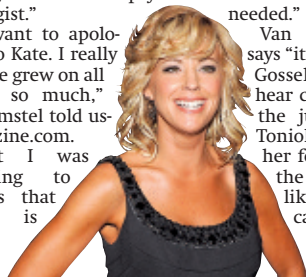
'Dancing' co-star apologizes for insulting Gosselin

WHAT HE REALLY MEANT TO SAY WAS THAT SHE NEEDS A PSYCHIATRIST Dancing With the Stars' Louis van Amstel is ready to make amends with Kate Gosselin after saying she "needs a psychologist."

"I want to apologize to Kate. I really do. She grew on all of us so much," van Amstel told usmagazine.com. "What I was meaning to say is that dance is like therapy."

py," he explained. "It's such a great way to use movement without having to talk about it — just move and go to a certain place. That's what I said and that was what Kate needed."

Van Amstel, 37, says "it was hard" for Gosselin, 35, to hear criticism from the judges. Bruno Tonioli slammed her for moving on the dance floor like a "shopping cart."



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New Hollywood couple pretends to play coy

WHAT? THEY'RE ACTORS. IT'S WHAT THEY DO After sightings last week prompted speculation Josh Hartnett and Abbie Cornish are now an item, the pair seemed to confirm the rumours when they popped up at Channing Tatum's 30th birthday party in New York City, according to Page Six. "They turned up after midnight," a source says. "They definitely looked like a couple."



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Today, **NICK CANNON** adorably thinks the Lohans want privacy, **SAMANTHA RONSON** is tired, and **STEPHEN FRY** needs a trim. @NickCannon We have to remember that at the end of the day this is a family matter that the Lohans have to deal with. All we can do is pray for them @samantharanson All i've been thinking about since I woke up is how long til i can go back to sleep. @stephenfry Oh dear. My hair is simply too long. I look like James May's twin sister.



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No wedding date set for Cowell

NOW WE'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE WAITING TO SEE HOW MANY IDOL CONTESTANTS WILL BE SINGING AT HIS RECEPTION Despite earlier reports that Simon Cowell and fiancée Meaghan Hussain would be tying the knot by September, the American Idol judge says there's no date set. "Wedding, what wedding? In spite of various people claiming to be making arrangements for our wedding, no such plans exist," Cowell tells *Reveal* magazine. "Nothing is concrete and I'm not making any announcement yet. Everything is fine though, and will be sorted soon."



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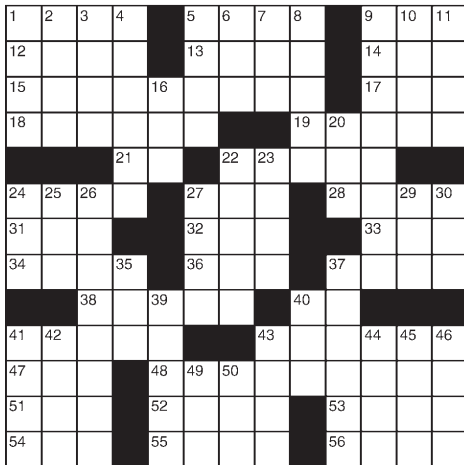
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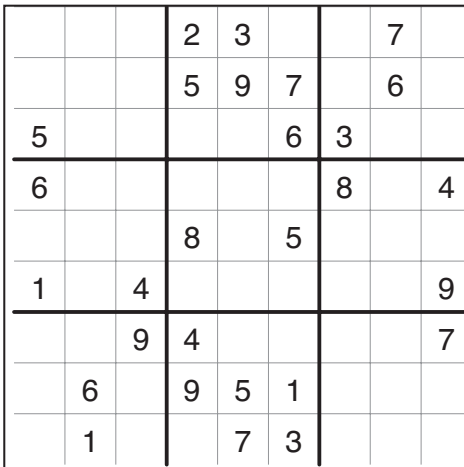
Take Five

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



ACROSS

1 Amorphous mass
5 Soothing agent
9 Hoover, for one
12 Top-rated
13 Shaving cream additive
14 Supplement, with "out"
15 Romania's capital
17 Evergreen type
18 Trusty horses
19 Unaccompanied
21 "And I should care ... why?"
22 Shade
24 Skirt feature
27 Coach
Parseghian
28 Took off
31 Barbie's companion
32 Lustrous black
33 Vast expanse
34 Tittle
36 Fool
37 Charon's wa-

DOWN

ter
38 Put forth
40 "I see"
41 Temptress
43 Obliterates
47 Praise in verse
48 Most gentle
51 "—
Miserables"
52 "Holy mackerell!"
53 Stage presentation
54 Chow down
55 Actress
Schneider
56 Turn on a pivot
1 Talks and talks
2 Lumox
3 Never again?
4 Command
5 Saloons
6 Hearty quaff
7 — Angeles
8 Gold, silver or bronze
9 Kelley who played McCoy on

"Star Trek"
10 Related
11 Unadorned
16 Commotion
20 Chatroom chortling
22 Top of a wave
23 Feedbag fill
24 Schuss
25 Writer
Buscaglia
26 Bankbook bonus
27 Not shut tight
29 Tina of "30 Rock"
30 Levy
35 Pink-slip
37 Musical notes
39 Go in
40 Raw rock
41 Dover fish
42 Concept
43 Vortex
44 Vend
45 Birthright
barterer
46 Eyelid woe
49 Swelled head
50 Historic war zone, for short

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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3	8	7	5	9	2	1	6	4
1	2	6	8	4	3	7	5	9
7	6	1	2	3	9	5	4	8
2	3	8	1	5	4	6	9	7
5	4	9	7	6	8	3	1	2
6	7	3	4	8	5	9	2	1
8	9	2	3	1	6	4	7	5
4	1	5	9	2	7	8	3	6

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Finger-lickin' Ribs

INGREDIENTS:
1 to 1.5 kg pork loin back ribs or spareribs, cut into 2-rib portions
1 medium-size yellow onion, chopped
1/4 cup orange juice
1/2 cup chili sauce
1 tbsp molasses
1 tsp grated orange rind
1/2 tsp dry mustard
1/4 tsp ground cloves
1/8 tsp ground cayenne pepper

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Place pork ribs, bone side down, in large shallow baking pan. Bake for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours or until tender. Drain off fat.

2. Meanwhile, in small pot, combine onion and orange juice.

3. Cook over moderate heat 5 minutes or until

onion is tender.

4. Stir in chili sauce, molasses, orange rind, mustard, cloves, and cayenne pepper. Bring to boil.

5. Set aside half of chili sauce mixture. Brush ribs with some of remaining chili sauce mixture.

6. Bake for 15 minutes more, brushing once or twice with chili sauce mixture.

7. Serve ribs with reserved chili sauce mixture.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.comFor Sally's expanded daily and weekend horoscopes, visit metronews.caARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Imagine that you are a completely different person. That's a lot of imagining for one day but what you learn about life will be worth the effort.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Venus in your fellow Air sign of Gemini makes this one of the best times of the year for you, but other aspects warn that your ego is fragile.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

The idea of changing your routines may give you nightmares but today's cosmic picture urges you to look at arranging your affairs differently.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

You feel good about yourself at the moment. You always feel good when you're in love.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Act as if what you imagine today will be your reality tomorrow. Don't ask yourself what is possible, ask yourself what it is you really want to do.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

You may be in tune with the spirit of the times but not everyone wants to move ahead a breakneck speed. Accept that fact today.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

This will be an exciting day for you, the kind of day when you discover new things about the world and the people you share it with.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

What inspires you? Whatever it is that is what you should be focusing on now, even if it means neglecting other things for a while.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

Where do you really belong? What do you most want to be doing? These are the kind of questions you will be asking today.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

It may seem as if you are moving in one direction and loved ones are moving in the opposite direction, but looks can be deceptive.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

"Passion" and "Virgo" are not words that always go easily together but something or someone will inspire you today.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

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711 – Islamic conquest of Hispania: Moorish troops begin their invasion of the Iberian Peninsula (Al-Andalus).
1707 – Scotland and England unified in United Kingdom of Great Britain.
1953 – The first U.S. experimental 3D-TV broadcast showed an episode of Space Patrol on Los Angeles ABC affiliate KECA-TV.
1967 – After refusing induction into the US Army (citing religious reasons), Muhammad Ali is stripped of his boxing title.
1992 – Riots in Los Angeles following the acquittal of police officers charged with beating Rodney King.

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